

EIGHTY-THIRD  
ANNUAL REPORT

HUGH J. ADDONIZIO  
MAYOR

NEWARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

JOHN P. CAUFIELD  
DIRECTOR

1968

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

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# FIRE DEPARTMENT - CITY OF NEWARK

Ferdinand Biunno  
Business Administrator

Hon. Hugh J. Addonizio  
Mayor

John P. Caufield  
Director

Francis X. McCarthy, Public Relations Officer  
William T. Whalen, Administrative Officer  
William McDonald, Asst. Chief Clerk  
Edna L. Foran - Administrative Secretary

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Joseph M. Redden, Fire Chief, U.F.D.  
Fred Crowley, Deputy Chief

## DEPUTY CHIEFS

### First Deputy Division

James Donlon  
Charles JanTausch  
Vincent J. Kelly  
Arthur D. Marsh

### Second Deputy Division

John Dolak  
James F. Gaynor  
Jos. W. McLaughlin  
Thomas O'Boyle

Joseph L. Magnusson-Roving  
James P. O'Beirne-Roving

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## BATTALION CHIEFS

### First Batt. District

David Kinnear  
Albert J. Maresca  
James W. McCormack  
Frank Reheis

### Second Batt. District

Louis Iannuzzi  
Thomas Leonard  
James Raymond  
William Schick

### Third Batt. District

Andrew Donahue  
Edward Nolan  
Philip Smith  
Joseph Zoppi

### Fourth Batt. District

Vincent Brennan  
Frederick Grehl  
Albert Lopez  
James Nolan

### Fifth Batt. District

Vincent Greeley  
John Griggs  
Edward Wall  
John Zieser

### Roving

Joseph Doll  
Matthew Farley  
Angelo Ricca

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Fire Alarm and Radio-----	Arthur J. Moore, Superintendent
" " " "-----	Edward Przybylowicz, Asst. Supt.
Communications Division-----	James T. Caufield, Chief Comm. Officer
Fire Prevention Division-----	Harold Davis, Deputy Chief
Arson Squad-----	Joseph L. Starrs, Batt. Chief
Combustibles-----	Elias Swerida, Chief Inspector
"-----	Philip Boyle, Asst. Chief Inspector
Special Service and Supply-----	Henry L. Schoettly, Deputy Chief
" " " "-----	Herbert L. Planck, Batt. Chief
Apparatus Division-----	Daniel Tauriello, Supv. of Apparatus
" "-----	Peter J. Carolan, Supv. of Apparatus
Training Academy-----	Joseph J. Drew, Deputy Chief
"-----	Stanley Kossup, Battalion Chief
Community Relations Division-----	Lawrence Caufield, Deputy Chief
" "-----	Robert Marron, Batt. Chief
Planning Division-----	Arthur Schmidt, Deputy Chief
" "-----	Joseph T. O'Brien, Captain
Medical Division-----	Edwin L. Ciccone, M.D., Dept. Surgeon
"-----	Carl Maffeo, M.D., Asst. Dept. Surgeon
	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Philip T. McCabe, Catholic Chaplain
	Rev. Clarence Eleakney, Protestant Chaplain
	Rabbi Horace Zemel, Jewish Chaplain

# Fire Department

## ANNUAL REPORT for the year 1968

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Hon. Hugh J. Addonizio  
Mayor  
City Hall  
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

The Annual Report of the Newark Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1968, is herewith respectfully submitted.

The various activities and operations are detailed in the Division reports appended hereto.

During year 1968, the Newark Fire Department was severely tested by a record number of 8,514 fires. The Members of the Newark Fire Department quickly and efficiently responded to this crisis, and only because of their courage and efficiency was the situation brought under control.

During 1968, 474 firemen were injured in the line of duty, and one, Edward Dennis, lost his life in the performance of his duty.

The primary function of the Fire Department continues to be the protection of life and property from the ravages of fire. We are determined that this life-saving operation must be carried out with a maximum regard for the safety of the members of the Newark Fire Department.

A number of assaults on firemen occurred during the year 1968. These assaults, plus recent harassment and interference on the college campus have highlighted the need for better police protection at the scene of fires. If severe physical attacks occur against firemen, they will be withdrawn from the scene of the emergency and will not return until such time as adequate protection can be provided.

In the future, we will continue to rely on law-enforcement agencies and the military for protection of fire personnel and apparatus. It is not possible for firemen to simultaneously combat fires and fight off mob attacks.

The Fire Department does have a legal and moral obligation to save lives and protect property from the ravages of fire. Every effort consistent with the safety of our men will be made to meet that obligation.

Following is a comparison of the fire losses for the past five years:

Total fire loss in 1964	- \$4,272,123.87
1965	- \$3,740,542.26
1966	- \$4,718,542.37
1967	- \$6,319,800.65
1968	- \$5,930,366.97

Per Capita loss totaled \$14.64 for 1968, as against \$15.59 for 1967; \$11.64 for 1966; \$9.23 for 1965; \$10.54 for 1964.

## Fire Department

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The number of lives lost as a result of fire in 1968 was 28, an increase of three over 1967.

25 lives lost in 1964  
38 lives lost in 1965  
37 lives lost in 1966  
25 lives lost in 1967.

Total alarms in 1968 were 17,367; of these, 2,991 were false alarms.

The primary function of the Fire Department, the protection of life and property from fire, was performed in an exemplary and efficient manner. This accomplishment was due in large measure to the courage, dedication and efficiency displayed by the officers and members of the Department.

The overall Fire Insurance rating of Newark as determined by the American Insurance Association (formerly the National Board of Fire Underwriters) was second to none in the nation. Only 15 other communities throughout the country had as high an overall fire rating as that enjoyed by Newark.

Among the various activities of the Fire Department during the year 1968, I respectfully wish to call attention to the following:

An ordinance containing the National Fire Protection Code of the American Insurance Association (formerly the National Board of Fire Underwriters) prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire, was adopted. The adoption of this Code into law will give the Fire Department a more workable and efficient tool for safeguarding the citizens of the City.

A comprehensive Community Relations Plan with emphasis on human relations and recruitment was developed under the guidance of Deputy Chief Lawrence Caufield and Battalion Chief Robert Marron, with special emphasis on fire prevention, recruitment and community relations.

Our systematic apparatus and equipment replacement programs were continued through the year. These programs, in conjunction with the Preventive Maintenance Program at the fire house level and at the special company level, have placed this department in an excellent position from the standpoint of equipment and apparatus.

The apparatus and equipment and replacement program continued with the delivery and acceptance of the following in 1968:

- 1 Four-door Sedan Falcon for Fire Alarm and Radio
- 1 Station Wagon for Deputy Division 1
- 2 1000 G.P.M. Pumpers assigned to Engine Companies 2 and 9.

To be delivered in 1969: Pick up Truck 1-ton for Special Service.  
Van type truck for Training Academy.

Under the Capital Improvement Program :

On order to be delivered in 1969 or thereafter:

- 4 Diesel powered Aerial Trucks
- 1 Rescue Truck - bus type body
- 4 - 1000 Gal. pumps diesel type

## Fire Department

Director's Report (Continued)

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The purchase of the above-mentioned equipment, in addition to the regular purchase of small appliances and tools, places the Fire Department in a very favorable position as regards modern apparatus, tools and appliances.

The inventory and standardization program of tools and equipment was continued in 1968.

The training program of the Department continued throughout the year with emphasis on the following:

1. The driver training program continued for the 9th consecutive year.
2. Mask drills were conducted by the various battalion chiefs.
3. Chief Drew continued the Radiological Training Course for all new Fire Department members at the Training Academy.
4. Daily drills were conducted in company quarters, in company districts and at the City Dock under the direction of Deputy and Battalion Chiefs.
5. The In-Service Inspection programs continued throughout the year with special emphasis on inspections of commercial, industrial and institutional buildings.

Supervisors of Apparatus Daniel Tauriello and Peter J. Carolan have continued the service-testing program and have also conducted Pump Classes at the Special Service Company.

Fire Prevention activities under Deputy Chief Joseph J. Drew and Battalion Chief Stanley Kossup and Physical Instructor John Murphy were conducted on a year-round basis. Some of the activities were -- an outdoor exhibit, films, Speakers Bureau, and distribution of hundreds of thousands of pieces of literature on Fire Prevention.

An indoor fire prevention display dramatically and interestingly brings to the public a fire prevention message, and proved again to be a most effective program. Special commendations were given to Chief Drew, Chief Kossup, Captain Carl Stoffers, Captain James Dalton, Fireman Shelton Harris and members of the Training Academy for this fire prevention activity.

All of the above, were displayed before various civic, fraternal, religious, etc., groups, and all are available to all groups requesting same.

A special kerosene heater float was on display throughout the city for several weeks, and fire prevention posters were displayed in store windows.

The Officers and Members of the Department performed excellent service during the past year, and it was my pleasure to commend many of them officially for outstanding rescues and acts of heroism. All fires occurring during 1968 were satisfactorily controlled and extinguished. Newark has good reason to be proud of its Fire Department.

Members of the Fire Department operated at many charitable drives that reflected great credit upon the Department; well in excess of \$26,000 was collected for the Mentally retarded.

Another new firehouse, Engine Company 32, was dedicated on December 13, 1968, located at Port and Doremus Avenue to service the Port area.

A complete operational plan, including a plan for post attack and recovery is in effect as part of the Fire Department's Civil Defense Plan. In conjunction with this program, we have Geiger Counters, Dosemeters, Gamma Survey meters, air samplers, Alpha-Beta-Gama Ray and dustproof suits.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Salaries for firemen should be raised to \$10,500 per year. It is difficult to ask men who are members of the best, busiest, and most dangerous department in the State to be content with a lesser salary than that paid in neighboring communities whose problems do not compare with Newark's in any way.

Paid holidays and other fringe benefits should also be considered for the same reason as listed above.

2. A fire training area should be established to provide adequate training. A modern training facility is vitally needed if the City is to retain its top rate overall fire insurance rating.

3. The plan of fire station replacement must be continued. Many fire stations are very old - as much as 89 years old.

4. The continual purchase of new apparatus and up-to-date equipment should be carried on to maintain the Department at peak efficiency.

5. Our Educational Program must be continued. During 1968, 3 members attended the Urban Training Institute, 2 members attended the Fire Training Institute, and 3 members took a course in Fire Protection Technology given at the Newark College of Engineering.

Many other recommendations could be made; however, I have restricted myself to the above because I consider them to be so vitally important to the efficient operation of the Fire Department in the immediate future.

On behalf of the Fire Department, I extend to you a sincere vote of appreciation for your interest in our problems and for your wholehearted cooperation.

The Fire Department also expresses its thanks to the members of the Municipal Council of the City of Newark, who showed a sincere interest in the problems of our Department and cooperated by their favorable response. We also express our thanks to the Hon. Ferdinand J. Biunno, Business Administrator, the Hon. Dominic V. Miceli, Assistant Business Administrator, the Hon. Philip E. Gordon, Corporation Counsel, and to the Directors of all departments for their splendid cooperation.

The Fire Chief, all Officers and Men of the Department, and the Administrative Staff are to be commended for their efficient and dedicated services and attention to duty during the year.

The Civil Defense Auxiliary Firemen and the Bell and Siren Club rendered valuable and outstanding service and are to be commended for their devotion and civic-mindedness. To them I express the sincere thanks of every member of the Department.

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To the Chaplains and the Department Surgeons, for their outstanding contributions in administering to the needs of the men, we owe a debt of gratitude. We also extend our thanks to the members of the Fire Department Glee Club and the V.F.W. Color Guard for their contributions toward the success of various activities of the City.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN P. CAUFIELD,  
Director, Fire Department.



# Fire Department

## ANNUAL REPORT JOSEPH M. REDDEN, FIRE CHIEF

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Hon. John P. Caufield, Director  
Fire Department  
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to forward to you the Annual Report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1968. The reports of the various bureaus listed herein attest to the continuing effort put forth by the Department.

The year 1968 was the busiest in the history of the Department from the standpoint of total alarms, working fires and multiple alarms. In spite of this abnormally heavy workload, with injuries to fire fighting personnel amounting to 474 in the line of duty, the officers and members of the Department operated with professional efficiency, protecting the lives and property of the citizens of the City.

Of special note during the year 1968 were two instances, on April 9, and again on April 20, when it became necessary for me to declare a fire emergency in the City and call upon the Department of Civil Defense and Disaster Control to augment the firefighting forces. The response from the four counties of Essex, Morris, Union and Hudson in sending fire fighting units into the City was carried out with maximum efficiency. Without this response and the high degree of coordination between Newark personnel and the personnel of the many fire departments from neighboring towns, the fire damage would have been much more widespread than was actually suffered.

New apparatus delivered to the Department in 1968 was as follows:

- 2 - 1000 G.P.M. Pumpers assigned to Engine Cos. 2 and 9.
- 1 - 4-door Falcon Sedan for Fire Alarm and Radio
- 1 - Station Wagon for Deputy Division 1

The following apparatus is now on order and will be delivered in 1969:

- 4 - 1000 G.P.M. Pumpers, diesel powered
- 4 - 100 ft. aerial ladder trucks, diesel powered.
- Pick Up Truck for Special Service
- Van type truck for Training Academy.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The manpower shortage being the most critical of all problems facing the Department, I again recommend an overtime program or an increase in the Table of Organization to provide minimum roll calls consistent with effective fire fighting operations.

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Chief's Report (Continued)

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I wish to express my appreciation to the Officers and Members of the Department for their dedicated service and the cooperation rendered throughout the year.

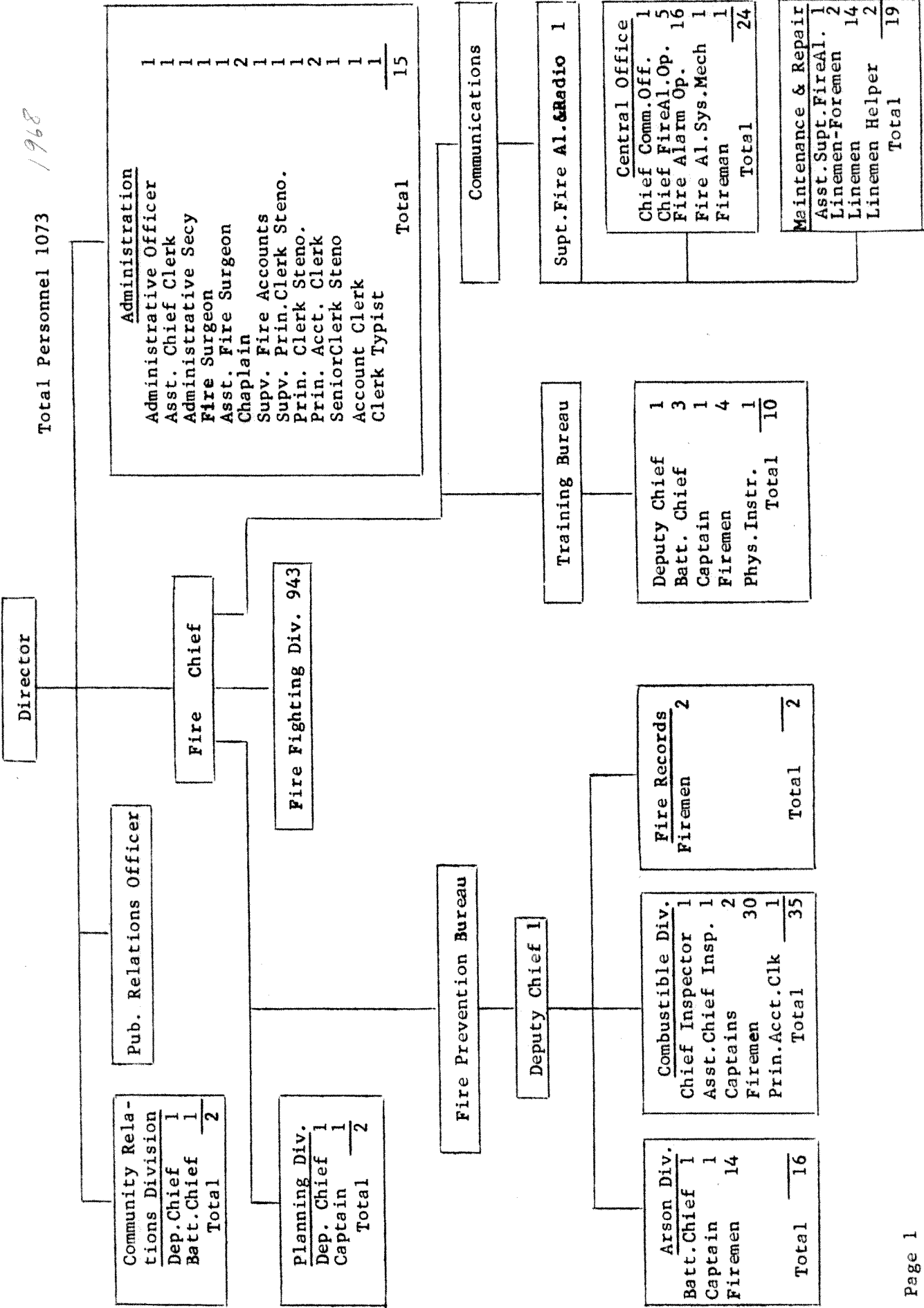
I also wish to express my appreciation, through you, to Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio, the Members of the City Council, the officials of the various city departments, members of the Press and radio, Officers and Members of the Bell and Siren Club, for the courtesy and assistance rendered the Fire Department during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joseph M. Redden

JOSEPH M. REDDEN,  
Fire Chief, U.F.D.

Total Personnel 1073 1968



# Fire Fighting Bureau

1968

Fire Chief 1

Service Div.	
Deputy Chief	1
Batt. Chief	1
Captains	4
Firemen	20
Salvagemen	3
Total	29

Deputy Divisions	
Deputy Chiefs	11
Batt. Chiefs	23
Firemen	33
Total	67

Civil Defense Div.	
Fireman	1
Total	1

Apparatus Supv. Div.	
Apparatus Supv.	2
Fireman	1
Total	3

1st Deputy Div.

1st Battalion	
3 Truck Co.	
4 Engine Co.	

Captains	29
Firemen	115
Total	144

4th Battalion	
3 Truck Co.	
6 Engine Co.	
Salvage Co. No. 2	

Captains	40
Firemen	169
Total	209

2nd Battalion	
1 Truck Co.	
4 Engine Co.	
Fireboat No. 1	

Captains	23
Firemen	107
Total	130

3rd Battalion	
3 Truck Co.	
5 Engine Co.	
Rescue Company	

Captains	38
Firemen	139
Total	177

5th Battalion	
2 Truck Co.	
6 Engine Co.	
Salvage Co. No. 1	

Captains	36
Firemen	145
Salvagemen	2
Total	183

2nd Deputy Div.

1159  
1679  
1079  
1345  
273/8

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### Budget Appropriation for the year 1968:

Salaries-----	\$9,196,077.00
Other Expenses-----	<u>384,957.00</u>
Total	\$9,581,034.00

### Disbursements:

#### Salaries:

1 Director-----	20,000.00
1 Public Relations Officer-----	11,005.60
1 Fire Chief, U.F.D. -----	17,117.26
16 Deputy Chiefs-----	201,386.59
29 Battalion Chiefs-----	333,383.16
2 Supervisors of Apparatus-----	22,973.60
175 Captains-----	1,717,552.50
781 Firemen -----	6,294,804.09
5 Salvagemen-----	41,530.40
1 Chief Inspector, Combustibles--	11,065.02
1 Asst. Chief Inspector-----	9,883.76
1 Administrative Officer-----	10,927.35
1 Administrative Secretary, Fire--	9,660.00
1 Assistant Chief Clerk-----	8,357.00
1 Supervisor of Fire Accounts----	1,414.00
1 Supervising Prin. Acct. Clerk----	5,699.00
3 Principal Account Clerks-----	11,956.00
1 Supervising Prin. Clerk Steno---	1,184.00
1 Principal Clerk Stenographer---	10,734.00
1 Senior Clerk Stenographer-----	969.00
0 Clerk Stenographer-----	3,901.00
1 Fire Surgeon-----	10,979.25
1 Asst. Fire Surgeon-----	9,793.28
2 Chaplains-----	9,897.22
1 Account Clerk-----	478.00
1 Physical Education Instructor--	8,385.64
1 Supt. Fire Alarm & Radio-----	14,154.40
1 Asst. Supt. Fire Alarm & Radio---	11,886.88
1 Chief Communications Officer----	11,870.62
5 Chief Fire Alarm Operators-----	50,695.46
16 Fire Alarm Operators-----	124,411.58
2 Foremen, Fire Alarm & Radio----	20,497.04
14 Linemen-----	113,083.55
1 Fire Alarm System Mechanic----	9,748.90
2 Lineman Helpers-----	6,143.00
0 Senior Account Clerk-----	5,412.00

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Total Salaries	\$9,152,940.15
2 Deputy Chiefs -	
Emergency Appropriation	8,450.00

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TOTAL	\$9,161,390.15
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## Financial Statement (2)

### Other than Salaries:

Travel Allowance-----	15,320.00
Repairs to Office & Fire Fighting Equip.	1,505.00
Insurance-----	7,966.00
Subscriptions & Books-----	575.87
Badges-----	285.00
Chairs-----	250.00
Stationery-----	3,405.00
Printing-----	6,366.65
Miscellaneous Supplies-----	2,233.91
Clothing Allowance-----	157,250.00
Professional Service-----	33.60
Tests on Evidence-----	50.00
Photographic Supplies-----	1,005.12
Educational Films-----	360.00
Visual Aids-----	100.00
Underground Construction-----	1,079.88
Conventions - Transportation, etc.-----	1,500.00
Electric & Gas-----	19,000.00
Time Service-----	-0-
Fire Alarm Supplies-----	10,000.00
Fuel Oil-----	28,700.00
Cables and Reels-----	3,911.46
Boxes and Stanchions-----	491.29
Extinguishers Repairs-----	-0-
Dumurrage Charges-----	100.00
Flags-----	200.00
Wet Water Penetrant-----	50.00
Sisal Rope-----	318.86
Light Bulbs-----	924.53
Electric Repair Supplies-----	732.59
Gas Mask Parts-----	2,481.91
Grease and Oils-----	300.00
Membership Dues-----	183.50
Brooms, Brushes, Shovels-----	1,000.00
Hose and Hydrant Wrenches-----	172.11
Sash Cord, Tools, etc.-----	194.00
Step Ladders-----	70.00
Ashcans, Pails, etc.-----	282.33
Paints and Paint Brushes-----	141.24
Soaps, Waxes, Rags, etc.-----	1,839.26
Drill Press-----	-0-
Toilet Tissue-----	485.27
Window Shades-----	251.35
Burgess Batteries-----	2,500.00
Dry Powder-----	275.00
Extinguisher Repair Parts-----	750.00

## Financial Statement (3)

### Other than Salaries (Continued)

Paper Bags & Twine-----	100.00
C.O.2 Refills-----	1,600.00
Shower Curtains-----	50.00
Sprinkler Heads-----	300.00
Tar Paper-----	300.00
Gauges-----	100.00
Extermination Service-----	279.95
Blanket Laundering-----	123.94
Telephone Service-----	16,000.00
Radio Maintenance-----	35,000.00
Portable Radiophones-----	300.00
Fire Prevention Education-----	600.00
Oxygen Cylinders-----	200.00
Bedding and Linens-----	1,156.72
Buttons & Insignia-----	340.44
Hand Lights-----	179.92
Valves and Nozzles-----	4,000.00
Salvage Covers-----	1,500.00
Nuclear Testing Equipment-----	-0-
Fire Fighting Equipment-----	3,600.00
Axes and Hooks-----	191.60
Cannisters-----	11,580.00
First Aid Supplies-----	900.00
Bicarbonate and Sulphuric Acid-----	186.39
Fire Fighting Foam-----	2,500.00
Extinguishers-----	200.00
Gas Masks -----	1,500.00
Fire Hose-----	11,000.00
Ladders-----	786.12
Portable Resuscitator-----	200.00
Gas Stoves-----	190.00

Total	369,605.81
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### Miscellaneous Receipts 1968

Refilling Soda and Acid Extinguishers	77.25
Refilling Foam Extinguishers	27.50
Hotel Certificates	1,310.00
Redeposited Checks	135.00
Miscellaneous	383.14
Bureau of Combustibles	55,237.00
Motion Picture Operators	160.00
Accounts Current	344.00
	<hr/> 57,673.89

### Miscellaneous

January 15th	- Storage of Equipment at Eng. Co. 28 - Newark Neighborhood Youth	45.00
March 15th	- Refund for Time Service Clock - Western Union	5.40
May 10th	- Installation Fire Alarm Service - Valentine Elec.Co.	332.74
		<hr/> 383.14

## APPOINTMENTS

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u>
Fireman	Michael N. Pucci	3/18/68
Fireman	Thomas P. McGovern	3/11/68
Fireman	Dennis A. Florie	4/8/68
Fireman	Leroy J. Byron	4/8/68
Fireman	Robert S. Froscia	4/22/68
Fireman	Leonard J. Guidera	6/3/68
Fireman	John R. Missaglia	7/29/68
Fireman	Daniel W. Pracher	7/29/68
Fireman	BLACK Phillip Waters	7/29/68
Fireman	Charles F. Schaefer	7/29/68
Fireman	Frank J. Calderone	9/2/68
Fireman	Andrew M. DiElmo	9/2/68
Fireman	Frank C. Mastroeni	9/2/68
Fireman	Vincent M. Mulvaney	9/23/68
Fire Alarm Operator (T)	Michael James BLACK	10/7/68
Lineman Helper (T)	Allen Crump BLACK	10/21/68
Lineman (T)	Lawrence E. Kelly W	10/22/68
Lineman (T)	Joseph P. Albano W	11/13/68
Account Clerk (T)	Elizabeth A. McCrone W	11/18/68

## INDUCTION TO ARMED FORCES

Inducted 5/13 W Arthur M. Connor - Returned 12/18/68

## RESIGNATIONS

Fireman	W William A. Martin	2/28/68
Captain	W John T. Doherty	10/5/68
Fireman	W Robert R. Roy	10/4/68
Fireman	BLACK Cheshire L. Taylor E	12/15/68



RETIREMENTS

1968

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Fire Alarm Operator	Richard A. Luongo w	1/1/68
Captain	Joseph V. L. Stock w	2/14/68
Fireman	William A. Schmidt w	3/2/68
Captain	Edward N. Brock w	4/1/68
Fireman	Robert J. Shanks w	4/16/68
Lineman	John J. Furey w	5/17/68
Fireman	Raymond Bishof, Sr. w	6/1/68
Fireman	Jacob Deutsch w	6/15/68
Fireman	Daniel J. Freelin w	7/15/68
Fireman	Barney Fabbo w	9/1/68
Fireman	James C. Dellott w	9/18/68
Battalion Chief	Morris A. Tangredi w	10/1/68
Fireman	Dominic Malzone w	11/1/68
Fireman	Frederick C. Thieme w	10/5/68
Captain	Michael T. Clark w	10/17/68
Fireman	Chester C. Karlake w	11/1/68
Fireman	Frederick C. Specht w	11/1/68
Captain	Richard A. Butterwei w	12/1/68

DEATHS

Captain	Ernest C. Jay w	3/3/68
Fireman	Lawrence Waniel w	7/12/68
Fireman	Edward G. Dennis w	7/14/68
Captain	James F. Murray w	7/14/68
Lineman	John DiNicolas w	9/22/68
Captain	Leo J. Duffy w	12/5/68

L.O.D.

COMPANY STATISTICS

COMPANY	TOTAL ALARMS ANSWERED	TOTAL ALARMS WORKED	EMERGENCY CALLS	HOURS ENGINE DUTY	FT. HOSE USED	IN SERVICE INSPECTIONS	HYDRANTS INSPECTED	DRILLS AND DEMONSTRATIONS	HOURS OUT OF QUARTERS
Eng. Co. ✓ 1	1176	485	-	317:22	65,100	64	170	369	694:15
" " 2	968	286	-	146:58	40,700	35	150	332	528:58
" " ✓ 4	1353	527	0	238:14	47,700	28	170	393	640:47
" " 5	780	194	0	154:03	43,250	25	515	311	441:26
" " 6	3027	1227	0	419:03	93,350	110	617	336	1116:42
" " 7	1869	652	-	266:31	87,000	136	488	477	491:56
" " ✓ 8	524	179	0	141:24	31,600	14	393	170	416:56
" " ✓ 9	1279	602	0	325:00	61,950	40	278	342	766:00
" " ✓ 10	1879	724	38	444:80	90,200	107	669	362	783:81
" " 11	1509	525	0	234:25	51,800	46	221	281	690:49
" " 12	2654	833	0	845:11	94,350	370	390	375	895:21
" " 13	730	457	0	233:21	33,850	52	501	311	561:58
" " 14	1138	284	0	223:00	81,350	2	153	306	668:00
" " 15	1237	319	0	239:16	44,350	12	220	231	625:35
" ✓ 16	537	295	0	238:35	42,700	29	303	339	425:25
" ✓ 17	1907	443	0	336:10	75,850	21	350	322	896:32
" " 18	2264	539	0	196:26	70,750	20	360	244	797:31
" ✓ 19	843	360	-	182:17	32,750	44	387	370	462:41
" ✓ 20	2542	927	0	725:40	116,165	167	509	326	1069:00
" " 21	243	117	0	42:19	13,400	59	241	361	231:53
" " 26	443	223	0	73:03	10,800	140	223	307	380:21
" " 27	664	347	1	355:20	52,600	15	256	241	567:59
" " 28	709	249	-	124:30	23,500	24	295	304	488:00
" " 29	1309	374	0	157:59	37,500	119	471	313	527:35
" " 32	243	168	1	49:14	6,350	42	642	127	290:08
Rescue Squad	3989	723	555	723:00	--	--	--	381	723:00
Salvage 1	2641	537	15	--	--	--	--	353	1210:24
Salvage 2	4769	1268	--	--	--	--	--	409	998:00
Fireboat	141	35	5	28:05	2,750	--	--	355	178:40
Searchlight	36	36	--	--	--	--	--		
TOTALS	43,403	13,935	613	7461:46	13,448,915	1721	8972	9348	17,561:13

COMPANY STATISTICS (2)

COMPANY	TOTAL ALARMS ANSWERED	TOTAL ALARMS WORKED	EMERGENCY CALLS	NO. FEET OF LADDERS	INSPECTIONS MADE	DRILLS AND DEMONSTRATIONS	HOURS OUT OF QUARTERS	HYDRANTS INSPECTED
Truck Co. 1	1770	576	-	14,197	59	413	880:00	187
" " 2	1548	422	-	7,420	14	369	641:68	159
" " 3	2470	661	-	19,270	77	331	723:09	216
" " 4	919	295	-	5,779	13	197	403:09	118
" " 5	3792	1073	-	29,214	32	174	1474:41	260
" " 6	624	188	2	2,892	43	350	400:03	308
" " 7	1048	168	0	4,764	17	158	467:07	452
" " 8	563	178	0	5,113	48	335	428:40	308
" " 9	2852	505	-	10,842	22	307	919:35	486
" " 10	1507	520	1	12,448	29	341	685:24	316
" " 11	1764	428	2	7,259	92	334	703:32	213
" " 12	256	76	-	1,229	66	379	177:00	320
Totals	19,113	5,090	5	120,427	512	3,688	7904:28	3,343

CHIEFS	ALARMS ANSWERED	HOURS WORKED	HOURS DIST. INSPECTION
Dep. Div. 1	4,225	1,168:20	1,905:00
Dep. Div. 2	2,535	831:38	1,013:48
Batt. Dist. 1	2,380	757:45	1,622:00
" " 2	1,424	540:13	1,242:00
" " 3	1,365	455:00	1,491:00
" " 4	4,499	1,174:35	1,397:00
" " 5	935	507:58	1,820:43
Totals	17,353	5,435:29	10,491:31

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Company Statistics (3)

Salvage Companies 1 and 2

Canvas Covers Spread	1,393
Roof Covers Spread	15
Roofs covered by Other Means (Plastic)	110
Sprinkler Systems	---
Sprinkler Heads Replaced	177
Buildings Secured	160
No. of Buildings - Water Removed	

Searchlight Company

Electric Cable Used (feet)	2,350
Lamps Used	184
No. Hours Duty Time	74:50

Special Service and Supply

No. of Alarms Answered	43
No. of time smoke ejector was used	--
No. of Emergency Lights Used	184

Summary

Total Alarms Answered	79,869
Total No. Alarms worked at	19,025
Total Hours Engine Duty	7,461:46
Total feet of Hose Used	13,448,915
Total feet of Ladders Used	120,427
Total Hours out of Quarters	25,465:41

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## FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Annual Report for the year 1968  
submitted by  
Deputy Chief Harold B. Davis

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Reports in detail from the Bureau of Combustibles, Arson Squad and Fire Loss Record Bureau, which comprise the Fire Prevention Division, have been submitted. I respectfully forward this report as to the additional activities of the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Through efforts of the Fire Prevention Division and members of the Fire Department, a new Fire Code was adopted by the City of Newark on April 3, 1968. This code is the American Insurance Association code (formerly the National Board of Underwriters), and is used nationally. With the new code, we are able to take advantage of the scientific and engineering skill of nationally recognized authorities, such as the National Fire Protection Association and other recognized authorities. Our code now states that compliance with standards set by these recognized authorities is accepted as prima facie evidence of compliance with the Fire Prevention Code.

The Hotel Fire Safety Law which placed the responsibility for enforcing fire safety in hotels on the Chief of the Fire Department, has been repealed and replaced by a new law entitled "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling, Health and Safety Act", which is to be enforced by the State. Members of the Fire Prevention Division appeared in Trenton at hearings on this law to give the Fire Department's point of view.

Prosecution of hard core violators continued. Last year, 104 violators were taken to court, probably the greatest number in our history. It is still our feeling that when an intelligent appeal to reason fails, it is necessary to institute court action. Any code or law is only as good as its enforcement.

The policy of specialization in inspections has been continued and we hope to expand it in the future.

The keeping of statistics and records for the Arson Squad and Bureau of Combustibles has been improved to make them more comprehensive and insuring greater accuracy.

Collection of permit fees has been kept up-to-date by means of a monthly inventory. As a result, we have no long-standing delinquents.

In-service violations and complaints from the public are now properly recorded and are given priority by fire inspectors.

Two members from the Fire Prevention Division (one from the Arson Squad and one from the Bureau of Combustibles) are now attending Newark College of Engineering. Upon completion of this one year course, they will be given a certificate in Fire Prevention Technology. Last year, two of our other men completed the course. In addition to this, 13 members of the Arson Squad attended an intensive course in police procedures for one full week at the Training Academy. This course was conducted by the staff of the Newark Police Department.

Throughout the year, thousands of pieces of Fire Prevention literature were distributed within the City. In addition, articles alerting the general public to various fire hazards were sent to all local newspapers. Spot announcements acquainting listeners with the hazards of fire were also made on radio and television.

Fire Prevention Bureau (2)

During Fire Prevention Week displays illustrating the hazards of fire were put up at the Prudential Mall, Main Post Office, City Hall Lobby, Mutual Benefit Insurance Company, Newark Airport Terminal and Bell Telephone.

A mobile display with a loud speaker emphasizing the danger of leaving children unattended, also cruised the city's streets.

Speakers from the Speakers Bureau visited schools and gave lectures and demonstrations. Fire drills were run in all schools.

Movie trailers advertising Fire Prevention Week were supplied to all motion picture houses. During this week "Open House" was maintained in all fire houses during the hours of 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Throughout the year, special details were furnished to large sporting events, concerts, carnivals and political meetings. A weekend and evening patrol of hotels and banquets was also initiated.

During the Christmas holidays the Bureau supplied details of fire inspectors to patrol the various business districts during the day and night.

A concerted drive by Arson Squad members during the Fourth of July week resulted in the confiscation of thousands of dollars worth of fireworks and several arrests were made.

BUREAU OF COMBUSTIBLES

Annual Report submitted by  
Chief Inspector Elias Swerida  
for the year 1968

*Signal 5 - 6,972*

Alarms transmitted-----	17,367 - <i>10,395</i>
Actual fires-----	8,514
False Alarms (Malicious)-----	2,991
Miscellaneous Alarms-----	2,792
(Demonstrations, Drills, Parades, Relocations.)	
Non-fire emergency-----	3,057
(Steam, Smoke, Stand-by, Rescue, Accidents, etc.)	
Out of City Responses-----	13
(Assist other towns)	
 Multiple Alarms-----	 79
2nd Alarms - 52	
3rd Alarms - 19	
4th Alarms - 5	
5th Alarms - 2	
6th Alarms - 1	
 Building Inspections-----	 22,874
 Permit Fees Collected-----	 \$55,311.00
 Hotel Fees Collected-----	 \$ 1,450.00

Bureau of Combustibles (2)

INSPECTIONS

Garages -----	3841 ✓
Fuel Oil Tanks-----	222 ✓
Locations (Initial inspection for location of fuel tanks)-----	267 ✓
Oil Burners-----	209 ✓
Gasoline Tanks-----	21
Spray Booths-----	11
Equipment (Machines)-----	42
Pumps (Gas and Oil)-----	85
Diesel Tanks-----	3
Trucks (Compressed gas, oil)-----	496
Tanks & Burners (Final Insp.)-----	387
Theatres-----	137
Hospitals-----	224
Hotels & Motels-----	669
Schools-----	604
Junk & Lumber Yards-----	190
Taverns & Dance Halls-----	1587
Stores & Shops-----	6942
Industrial Plants-----	986
Factories-----	3321
Municipal Buildings-----	72
Dwellings-----	572
Tenements-----	1793
Apartment Houses-----	355
TOTAL	22,874

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Court Cases Instituted-----	104
Plans Examined -----	99
Plans Approved-----	98
Special Details-----	333
(Department stores during Holidays, public meetings, etc.)--	
Demonstrations-----	92
(Fire prevention at hospitals, schools, rest homes.) Above figure does not include fire demonstrations throughout the City during Fire Prev. Week)	
Fires Investigated-----	5071
(By Bureau Inspectors to ascertain and record extent of fire damage.)	

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Permits issued (Combustibles)-----	5438
Licenses issued (Motion Picture Operator)-----	55



Bureau of Combustibles (3)

Violations Received (Fire Code Violations)

From In-Service Company Inspections	137
By telephone and letter-----	308
From Bureau Inspectors-----	2360

Violations Corrected

By Owner or Tenant-----	1392
Referred to Building Dept. -----	1239
Referred to Health Dept.-----	83
Referred to Electrical Dept.-----	85
Referred to Zoning Div.-----	6

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Correspondence Regarding Violations

Violation notices sent to owner, tenant, landlord, etc.-----	3702
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CAUSES OF FIRE ALARMS

Accidents-----	43	Gas Heater-----	13
Assist at fires-----	754	Gas Range-----	50
Ashes-----	10	Illegal Burning-----	113
Animals in Trees-----	9	Incendiary-----	197
Boats-----	1	Incinerators-----	359
Candles(Sulphur)-----	17	Kerosene Heaters-----	5
Candles(Wax)-----	6	Lanterns-----	7
Carburetors (Auto)-----	481	Lightning-----	5
Careless Cooking-----	519	Matches-----	600
Careless Smoking-----	1052	Miscellaneous-----	2792
Chemical Reaction-----	6	Motors-----	18
Chimney-----	43	NFE (Steam,Smoke)-----	3057
Christmas Trees-----	3	Oil Burners-----	397
Coal Stove-----	2	Out on Arrival-----	173
Combustion-----	8	Rekindle-----	102
Electric Dryer-----	7	Salamander-----	9
Electric Grill-----	1	Short Circuit (Auto)-----	174
Electric Heater-----	4	Short Circuit (Elec)-----	415
Electric Iron-----	2	Signal 300 (False)-----	2991
Explosion-----	3	Smoking in Bed-----	78
Fireworks-----	5	Sparks-----	43
Fireplaces-----	1	Spontaneous Ignition-----	8
Flares-----	24	Sprinklers-----	177
Flue Pipes-----	24	Televisions-----	13
Friction-----	4	Torches-----	30

UNDETERMINED	2315
VAGRANTS	207

Bureau of Combustibles (4)

1968

CLASSIFICATIONS OF FIRES

Dwellings -----	934	✓
Tenements-----	1689	✓
Apartment Houses-----	1116	✓
Hotels and Motels-----	22	✓
Schools-----	55	✓
Hospitals-----	13	✓
Nursing and Rest Homes-----	11	✓
Department Stores-----	5	✓
Office Buildings-----	36	✓
Theatres-----	5	✓
Factories-----	191	✓
Industrial Complex-----	1	✓
Chemical Plants-----	21	✓
Tavern and Liquor Stores-----	46	✓
Dance Halls-----	2	✓
Restaurants-----	43	✓
Retail and Wholesale Stores-----	204	✓
Bowling Alleys-----	1	✓
Jails-----	1	✓
Laundries & Dry Cleaners-----	22	✓
Breweries-----	3	✓
Print Shops-----	1	✓
Piers, Wharves, Ships-----	3	✓
Junk Yards-----	26	✓
Power Plants-----	9	✓
Autos and Trucks-----	1469	✓
Warehouses-----	39	✓
Churches-----	23	✓
Freight Cars-----	7	✓
Garages & Service Stations-----	168	✓
Brush and Rubbish-----	2348	✓

TOTAL 8,514

*Building Fires - 4697*

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FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO HIGH RISE BUILDINGS

<u>WHERE</u>	INCINERATOR	FIRE	<u>REASON FOR RESPONSE</u>		TOTAL
			FALSE ALARM	N.F.E.	
Academy Spires	30	1	1	1	33
Baxter Apartments		1			1
Bradley Court Apts.		2	1		3
Colonnade Apts.	1	1	1	1	4
Columbus Homes	24	77	3	14	118
Cromwell Apts		1			1
Felix Fuld Homes		4			4
Hayes Homes	14	38	5	6	63
Hyatt Court	3	5		1	9
Ivy Hill Apts	72	32	4	15	123
Kretchmer Homes	26	15	2	3	46
Pennington Court	2		2	1	5
Roosevelt Homes				2	2
Seth Boyden	2		1	2	5
Scudder Homes	43	54	3	9	109
Stephan Crane	1	7	3	1	12
Walsh Homes	8	20	3	2	33
Weequahic Towers	1			1	2
Wesley Towers		1		2	3
Wright Homes	37	99	5	12	153
Totals	264	358	34	73	729

Bureau of Combustibles (5)

MAJOR FIRES IN 1968

Date	Alarm	Address	Classification	Cause
Jan. 7	3rd	288-9 South 19th St.	2 - 3 St. Apt. Houses	Undetermined
13	2nd	492-4 Central Ave.	1 st. Br. Store	Smoking
13	3rd	182-8 Spruce St.	3 st. Fr. Tenement	Undetermined
18	2nd	135-7-9 Prince St.	3 st. & 4 st. Fr. Tene.	Undetermined
21	2nd	13-15-17 Ridgewood St.	4 - 3 st. Fr. Tene.	Undetermined
24	2nd	192 Roseville Ave.	4 St. Br. Apts.	Undetermined
25	3rd	77 Lincoln Ave.	4 St. Br. Apt.	Undetermined
29	2nd	890 Hunterdon St.	3 - 3 st. Fr. Tene.	Undetermined
Feb. 3	3rd	Route #1	1 st. Bowling Alley	Undetermined
9	2nd	30-2 Garside St.	1 st. Br. & Fr. barn	Undetermined
12	2nd	360 Avon Ave.	3 st. Fr. Dwelling	Undetermined
24	2nd	210 Vanderpool St.	1 St. Br. Warehouse	Undetermined
26	2nd	806-8-10 Bergen St.	3-3 st. Fr. Tene.	Incendiary
26	2nd	47 Hillside Pl.	3 st. Fr. Dwelling	Vagrants
Mar. 4	2nd	85 Prince St.	4 st. Fr. Store & Apt.	Coal stove
15	2nd	601 So. 11th St.	3 st. Fr. Dwelling	Undetermined
18	2nd	282-6 Market St.	3 st. Br. Store	Incendiary
19	2nd	982-8 Bergen St.	1 st. Br. & Fr. Store	Incendiary
24	2nd	34 Magnolia Ave.	3 st. Fr. Dwelling	Smoking
Apr. 2	2nd	Halsey & New St.	1 st. Br. & Fr. Stores	Undetermined
3	2nd	361 So. 9th St.	2 st. Fr. Tavern	Undetermined
3	2nd	6 First St.	3 st. Fr. Dwelling	Vagrants
4	3rd	506-8-10 Hunterdon St.	3 - 3 st. Fr. Tene.	Incendiary
5	4th	80-2 Stratford Pl.	3 St. Fr. Dwelling	Smoking
6	2nd	54 Quitman St.	3 St. Fr. Dwelling	Undetermined
7	2nd	1209 Broad St.	1 St. Br. Offices	Incendiary
→ (9th	2nd)	(92 Buildings )		
( & -	3rd)	(Involved )		
(10th	4th)	(See separate )	All Incendiary	
(	5th)	(Sheet )		
Apr. 12	2nd	584 South 10th St.	3 st. fr. Tenement	Incendiary
12	2nd	716 Hunterdon St.	3 st. fr. Tenement	Incendiary
12	2nd	60-2 East Park St.	4 St. Br. Dwelling	Smoking
13	2nd	95 Garden St.	3 St. Fr. Dwelling	Undetermined
14	2nd	1074 Broad St.	3 St. Br. & Fr. Dwelling	Undetermined
14	3rd	213 Wright St.	2 St. Br. Restaurant	Undetermined
14	2nd	36 Wainwright St.	3 St. Fr. Tenement	Undetermined
15	2nd	71-3-5 Walnut St.	3 - 3 st. Fr. Tenement	Incendiary
17	4th	485-93 Hunterdon St.	5-3 St. Fr. Dwelling	Matches
20	→ 6th	Avon & Bergen St.		Incendiary
		(See Separate sheet of addresses)		
20	2nd	694 So. 12th & Woodland	2 St. Fr. Stable	Vagrants
20	2nd	142 Fairmount Ave.	3-3 st. fr. Dwelling	Undetermined
21	2nd	192 Roseville Ave.	4 St. Br. Dwelling	Undetermined
23	2nd	427-31 South 10th St.	3-3 St. Fr. Tenement	Matches
24	2nd	27-33 Gillette Pl.	4 - 2 st. fr. dwelling	Vagrants
30	2nd	115 Pennington St.	3 St. Br. Factory	Undetermined
May 3	3rd	180 Chestnut St.	4 St. Tavern & Dwelling	Undetermined
6	3rd	35 Holland St.	3 St. Fr. Tenement	Incendiary
28	3rd	167-73 So. Orange Ave.	3 St. Fr. Store & Dwell.	Undetermined
28	2nd	427-33 South 10th St.	4 - 3 St. Fr. Tene.	Incendiary
July 7	→ 5th	135 Avenue I	1 St. Br. Factory	Incendiary

# Bureau of Combustibles (6)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Alarm</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Cause</u>
July 8	2nd	27 Milford Avenue	2 St. Fr. Dwelling	Matches
8	3rd	67-9-71-3 Prince St.	3-4 St. Fr. Tenement	Matches
14	2nd	391-3 Mulberry St.	4 St. Br. Dwelling	Vagrants
14	3rd	5-21 Ridgewood Ave.	3 St. Fr. Dwelling	Incendiary
15	2nd	349 Poiner & Avenue A	1 St. Br. Factory	Smoking
18	2nd	332 - 15th Ave.	3 St. Fr. Tene.	Smoking
21	2nd	445-7-9 South 7th St.	2=2½ & 1-3 St.Fr.Tene.	Undetermined
23	2nd	512-14 Springfield Ave.	3 St. Br.Store & Tene.	Undetermined
28	2nd	177-9 Peshine Ave.	2-3 St. Fr. Tene.	Incendiary
Aug. 7	3rd	380-2 Hunterdon St.	3 St. Fr. Tene.	Matches
12	2nd	311-13 South 19th St.	2-3 St. Fr. Dwelling	Undetermined
Sept. 16	2nd	91 Blanchard St.	1 St. Metal Garage	Undetermined
18	2nd	174 Avon Avenue	3 St. Frame Tenement	Undetermined
Oct. 3	2nd	72-4 South St.	3 St. Fr. Tenement	Vagrants
7	3rd	314 Littleton Ave.	3 St. Fr. Tenement	Pending
22	4th	220 Roseville Ave.	4 St. Br. Apts.	Pending
Nov. 14	3rd	32-3-5-7 - 15th Avenue	4-4 St. Fr. Tenement	Pending
19	2nd	327 Fairmount Ave.	3 St. Fr. Tenement	Pending
27	2nd	119-25 Prince St.	3 St. Fr. Church & Tene.	Incendiary
Dec. 9	2nd	8 Stone St.	4 St. Br. Apts.	Pending
15	3rd	74-85 Edison Place	5 St. Br. Store	Pending
18	3rd	147-51 South 10th St.	3 St. Fr. Tenement	Pending
22	2nd	104 - 2nd Ave.	3 St. Fr. Tenement	Pending
26	2nd	181 Market St.	15 St. Br. Store-Office	Pending
26	3rd	372 Lincoln Avenue	3 St. Fr. Tenement	Pending
29	3rd	284 Fairmount Ave.	4-3 St. Fr. Tenement	Pending
31	4th	51-3-5-7 Chadwick Ave.	4-3 St. Fr. Tenement	Pending

## APRIL 9 CONFLAGRATIONS -- NEIGHBORING TOWNS ANSWERING CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

Irvington	West Orange
Elizabeth	Montclair
East Orange	Millburn
Belleville	Maplewood
Bloomfield	Orange
Glen Ridge	South Orange
Roseland	Hillside
Nutley	Verona
Cedar Grove	Jersey City
Kearny	Harrison
Bayonne	Union City

## APRIL 20 CONFLAGRATIONS -- NEIGHBORING TOWNS ANSWERING CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

East Orange	Orange
West Orange	Bloomfield
South Orange	Montclair
Irvington	Maplewood
Livingston	Belleville
Cedar Grove	Nutley
Glen Ridge	Verona
Elizabeth	Linden
Hillside	Union
Springfield	Westfield
Roselle Park	Harrison
Kearny	Jersey City
Morristown	Morristownship
Morris Plains	Morris County

THESE TOWNS RESPONDED AND ASSISTED NEWARK  
UNDER A PRE-ARRANGED COUNTY AID PLAN FOR  
UNUSUAL EMERGENCIES.

Bureau of Combustibles (7)

On April 9, 1968 and on April 20th, a series of major conflagrations involved the following premises:

April 9, 1968

AVON AVENUE - 101, 103, 103½, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 191.  
BERGEN STREET - 341, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 353, 355, 357, 652, 654, 655.  
BROAD STREET - 1165, 1167.  
BROOME STREET - 9.  
BRUCE STREET - 181, 183.  
CLINTON AVENUE - 485.  
EIGHTEENTH AVENUE - 399.  
FAIRVIEW AVENUE - 30.  
FIFTEENTH AVENUE - 318, 320, 322, 324.  
HILLSIDE AVENUE - 64, 66, 68, 70, 138, 142.  
HOWARD STREET - 70.  
JOHNSON AVENUE - 45.  
LIVINGSTON STREET - 271, 277, 269, 272, 274, 276, 278.  
McWHORTER STREET - 202, 204.  
MORRIS AVENUE - 396.  
PRINCE STREET - 109.  
ROSE STREET - 241-251.  
SEVENTEENTH AVENUE - 56.  
SCHOOL STREET - 16, 18.  
SOUTH ORANGE AVENUE - 22, 24, 46, 48, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80.  
SOUTH TENTH STREET - 584.  
SPRINGFIELD AVENUE - 102, 104, 106, 108, 361, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 455, 457.  
STRAITFORD PLACE - 64, 66, 78, 80, 82.  
WEST KINNEY STREET - 349.  
WEST RUNYON STREET - 4.  
WILLIAM STREET - 78, 80.

April 20, 1968

AVON AVENUE AND BERGEN STREET - (Avon Avenue) 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 202,  
203, 204, 207, 213, 215, 217, 219, 237.  
(Bergen Street) 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 457, 549.  
CHADWICK AVENUE - 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23.  
ROSE STREET - 212, 216.  
ROSE TERRACE - 1-7, 10-12, 14.

*Martin Luther King - Killed April 4 1968*

Bureau of Combustibles (8)

DEATHS BY FIRE IN 1968

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>NAME &amp; AGE</u>
Jan. 10	35 Camp St.	2 St. Fr. Dwelling	Clothes Ign. on gas range	Charles Venable 30 -
Feb. 5	6-8 Hayes St.	3 St. Fr. Dwelling	C/Matches	Stanley Hazelton 65
12	360 Avon Ave.	3 St. Frame Dwelling	Undetermined	James Cople 20
13	19 Prince St.	2 St. Frame Dwelling	Undetermined	Lucius Pierson 45
Mar. 27	McCarter Hwy & Saybrook Pl.	Shed (Frame)	Kero.Stove	Peter Kuiken 46
Apr. 13	95 Garden St.	3 St. Fr.Tene.	Undetermined	(Maria Gonzolas 36 (Gladys Gonzolas 13 (Oshan Gonzolas Jr.3
12	60-2 E.Park St.	4 St.Br.Apts.	Vagrants	Unidentified Male
20	20 Quitman St.	3 St. Frame Dwell.	Incendiary	Lawrence Gaillard 24
28	278 So. 6th St.	2½ St.Frame Dwell.	C/withCandle	Derrick Jones 4 Mos.
3	143 Murray St.	Engelhard (No F.D.)	Explosion	Raymond Kaul 33
May 3	268 Market St.	4 St. Brick Hotel	C/Matches	Unidentified Male
June 5	375 WashingtonSt.	3 St.Brick Dwelling	Smoking/Bed	Franklin Graham 55
July 14	5-21 RidgewoodSt.	Died fighting fire	(Fireman)	Edward Dennis
July 22	38 Hawthorne Lane	2 St.Brick Dwelling	Accidental	(John Tasco 70 (Margaret Tasco 65
Aug. 14	142 Watson Ave.	3 St.Frame Tene.	Undetermined	Rebecca Keys 35
22	35 E. Kinney St.	3 St.Brick Dwelling	Vagrants	Unidentified Male
22	645 - 15th Ave.	3 St.Frame Tenement	Clothes ign. on gas range	Francis Yangling 71
Sept. 5	22 Hillside Ave.	No F.D.action.	Gaspoured on victim and set afire	Shirley Jones 21
17	47-9 So.OrangeAve	No F.D.action.	Smoking/bed.	Oliva Duncan 47
Oct. 27	51 Broad St.	2½ St.Frame Dwell.	Vagrants	Sam Leak 49
28	Poured alcohol on clothes and committed suicide			B. Ortega 56
Nov. 8	71-3 16th Ave.	3 St. Frame Tene.	Elec.Short	( Steve Charles 3 ( Edward Donaldson 5
14	325 - 15th Ave.	4 St. Frame Tene.	Undetermined	)Elizabeth Hopson 60 )Unidentified Female
Dec. 29	400 Doremus Ave.	4 St. Frame Factory	Explosion	Simon Shiver 41

TOTALS - 28 Civilians, 1 Fireman

OTHER FIRES IN 1968

Vacant Buildings	415	P S Wires & Poles	39
Turnpike	14	Manholes	2
Routes 1-9-22	52	Sewers	62
Mail Boxes	6	Motor Scooter	1
Dumpsters	8	Railroad Ties	25
Vacant Lots	937	Auto Accidents	49
Dog Kennels	2	Garbage Cans	90
Trees	25	Port & Airport	94
Sheds	54	Firehouse	1

## ARSON SQUAD

Annual report submitted by  
Battalion Chief Joseph L. Starrs  
for the year ending December 31, 1968

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The following is a report of the activities of the Arson Squad of the Newark Fire Department for the year 1968.

The complete records of all investigations made by Arson Squad personnel, including statements of witnesses, photographs, and all evidence obtained during investigation, are on file in the Arson Squad office.

Certificates of analysis of evidence recovered at fires, evaluated by the Newark Police Department laboratory or outside agencies, are also on file at the Arson Squad office.

All of the above-mentioned records are available at any time to the proper authorities for Grand Jury, court trial or deposition purposes.

As in former years, the Arson Division has worked in conjunction with the American Insurance Association, National Fire Protection Association, Essex County Prosecutor's Office, State Labor Department, New Jersey Motor Vehicle Bureau, Federal Bureau of Investigation and other state and national agencies in many of our investigations.

In 1968, a close liaison was established between the Essex County Prosecutor's office and the Arson Squad, following the death of Dr. Martin Luther King. At that time a rash of serious fires followed his assassination. Prosecutor Joseph P. Lordi assigned Assistant Prosecutor Nicholas Caprio, and Detective James P. Graham to work in close association with the Arson Squad, to aid in investigations and to advise on legal steps to be taken in the prosecution of alleged suspects in Arson cases.

Sheriff Ralph D'Ambola assigned two detectives, Robert Kenny and Joseph Tutela, to assist the Arson Squad in every manner possible. These two men worked with the Arson Squad from April through Labor Day. They have since returned to their regular assignments with the Sheriff's Office.

The Arson Squad maintains a regular association with our own Municipal Bureaus, the Newark Police Department, Youth Aid Bureau, Board of Education, and the Bureau of Combustibles. These departments have aided us in many arson investigations.

## FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

The work load of the Newark Fire Department for the year 1968 was the greatest in the history of the Fire Department.

The fire fighting force showed increases over 1967 in the following categories: Bell alarms answered, Signal 5's answered, actual fires extinguished, and multiple alarms.

Similarly, the Arson Squad showed increases in the investigation of fires of all types, false alarms, multiple alarms, complaints and deaths at fires.

Following is a breakdown of some of these increases.

### Arson Squad (2)

<u>FIRE FIGHTING FORCES:</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>% Increases</u>
Bell Alarms Answered	7235	10395	43.6
Bell Alarms Actual Fires	4448	5755	29.3
Signal 5 Alarms answered	3953	4876	23.3
Signal 5 Actual fires	2274	2806	23.4
Multiple Alarms	40	79	97.5
Total Fires Worked	6722	8561	27.3

#### ARSON SQUAD:

Fire Investigations	671	1048	56.1
False Alarms Investigated	1702	2991	75.7
Multiple Alarms	40	79	97.5
Deaths at Fires	25	29	16.0

### FALSE ALARMS

In the columns above, false alarms show an increase in number of 1289 over 1967. However, the ratio of false alarms to Bell Alarms answered shows an increase of 5.2% for the year 1968, from 23.5% in 1967 to 28.7% in 1968. This figure, 28.7% of all alarms sounded is still below the national average for cities the size of Newark.

The false alarm situation in general has increased in all categories: street boxes, telephone calls, and school fire boxes. False alarms from school boxes have shown a marked increase for 1968, and school authorities are now taking measures that they feel will eventually curtail these to an accepted minimum.

In several joint meetings of the Fire Department with the Board of Education, the entire school problem concerning Fire Department response, has been discussed, and planned steps are being taken regarding the boxes and detection systems to alleviate the condition. Sensitivities of detectors are being checked and adjusted, problem locations of indicators are being changed, and in some schools, numbers of fire boxes are being reduced or relocated. A better supervision by the faculty in corridors and hallways is being instituted. All of these measures should make for a reduction in Fire Department response to schools.

Statistics on schools show the following:

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>% Increases</u>
Fire Department Responses	349	691	98.0
False Alarms	123	304	147.0
Actual Fires	8	44	450.0
System malfunctions	218	343	57.3

#### SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Fires Investigated	1048
Complaints Investigated	62
False Alarms Investigated	2991
Out of City Investigations	0
Total	4101
Included in the above total are:	
2nd Alarm Fires	52
3rd Alarm fires	19
4th Alarm Fires	5
5th Alarm Fires	2
6th Alarm Fires	1
Court Appearances	124



Arson Squad (3)

DEATHS BY FIRE

Date	Time	Station	Sex	Age	Cause
1/10/68	10:49 P.M.	2314	M	30 ✓	Clothing ignited by gas stove
2/5/68	1:17 P.M.	1217	M	65 ✓	Children with matches
2/12/68	3:49 A.M.	4437	M	20 ✓	Undetermined
2/13/68	2:09 A.M.	1128	M	45 ✓	Undetermined
3/27/68	3:12 A.M.	Sig. 5 Eng. 2	M	46 ✓	Accidental, kicked over oil stove ✓
4/3/68	1:39 P.M.	5746	M	33 ✓	Industrial Explosion
4/12/68	9:14 P.M.	2145	M	50 ✓	Undetermined
4/13/68	12:33 A.M.	5454	F	36 ✓	"
4/13/68	12:33 A.M.	5454	F	13 ✓	"
4/13/68	12:33 A.M.	5454	M	8 ✓	"
4/20/68	8:25 P.M.	4168	M	24 ✓	Died in fire set by self
4/28/68	11:24 P.M.	4315	M	4 mos. ✓	Child with candle under bed
5/13/68	11:36 P.M.	2149	M	40 ✓	Undetermined
6/11/68	5:04 A.M.	2259	M	55 ✓	Smoking in bed
7/14/68	2:15 A.M.	4144	M	41 ✓	Fire fighting accident
7/22/68	6:08 A.M.	3555	M	70 ✓	Faulty Electric Fan
7/22/68	6:08 A.M.	3555	F	65 ✓	" " "
8/14/68	1:58 A.M.	4518	F	35 ✓	Undetermined
8/22/68	8:17 P.M.	4461	M	71 ✓	Clothing ignited by gas stove
8/22/68	10:45 P.M.	2337	M	37 ✓	Careless smoking
9/14/68	No Fire Dept. Response		F	47 ✓	Smoking in bed
9/15/68	No Fire Dept. Response		F	21 ✓	Homicide - doused with gasoline
10/27/68	4:36 A.M.	3257	M	49 ✓	Undetermined
10/28/68	No Fire Dept. Response		M	56 ✓	Suicide by fire
11/8/68	4:26 A.M.	4316	M	3 ✓	Electrical appliances (overload)
11/8/68	4:26 A.M.	4315	M	5 ✓	" " "
11/14/68	3:14 P.M.	4211	F	60 ✓	Undetermined
11/14/68	3:14 P.M.	4211	F	22 ✓	"
11/27/68	7:36 P.M.	5781	M	41 ✓	Industrial explosion

SUMMARY OF DEATHS BY FIRE

Explosion of gaseous vapors	2
Smoking in bed	3
Electrical appliances	4
Candle under bed	1
Fire fighting accident	1
Kitchen ranges ignited clothing	2
Children with matches	2
Oil stove, parking lot shed	1
Homicide	1
Suicide	1
Undetermined	11
Total	29

ADULTS ARRESTED

Setting Fires	17
False Alarms	16
Other Arrests	8
Total	

JUVENILES REPRIMANDED

Setting fires	29
False Alarms	70
Total	99

JUVENILES REFERRED TO YOUTH AID BUREAU

Setting Fires	19
False Alarms	18
Total	37

Arson Squad (4)

ADULT ARRESTS FOR FALSE ALARMS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Verdict</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
1/15	Guilty	\$25.00 Fine.
1/31	"	60 days in jail.
2/2	"	2 years probation at \$1.00 per week.
3/14	"	90 days in jail.
4/29	"	90 days suspended sentence.
5/2	"	2 years probation at \$1.00 per week.
5/24	"	90 days, suspended sentence.
6/3	"	30 days in jail.
6/6	"	\$50.00 fine.
6/7	"	1 year probation at \$1.00 per week.
6/8	"	30 days in jail.
7/14	"	60 days in jail.
9/20	"	\$50.00 fine.
10/20	"	Committed to Overbrook Hospital
12/15	"	60 days in jail.
12/23	"	30 days in jail.

ADULT ARRESTS FOR OTHER THAN FALSE ALARMS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Violation</u>	<u>Verdict</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
1/26	Malicious burning	Guilty	90 days in jail.
1/31	Arson	Held for Grand Jury	\$10,000 bail.
2/1	Arson	Held for Grand Jury	\$10,000 bail.
2/4	Malicious burning	Guilty	Deported to Puerto Rico
2/6	Neglect of Children	Guilty	1 year probation at \$1.00 per week.
3/12	Malicious burning	Guilty	60 days in jail.
3/20	Malicious burning	Not Guilty	Insufficient evidence
4/2	Arson	Held for Grand Jury	\$10,000 bail.
4/17	Malicious burning	Not Guilty	Insufficient evidence
5/2	Assault on Fireman	Guilty	90 days susp. sentence, 6 mos. probation.
5/9	Attempted Arson	Guilty	60 days suspended sentence
6/6	Malicious damage	Guilty	\$50.00 fine.
6/10	Attempted Arson	Held for Grand Jury	
6/17	Malicious burning	Guilty	4 months in jail.
6/20	Selling Fireworks	Not Guilty	Insufficient evidence.
6/21	Atroc. Assault & Battery	Held for Grand Jury	
6/24	Malicious burning	Guilty	60 days in jail.
7/21	Arson	Held for Grand Jury	
8/21	Arson	Guilty	Sentence pending.
10/7	Attempted Arson	Held for Grand Jury	
10/9	Arson	Held for Grand Jury	
10/13	Malicious burning	Guilty	90 days in jail.
10/15	Threat to burn	Guilty	2 years probation
10/30	"Molotov Cocktail"	Held for Grand Jury	
11/12	Attempted Arson	Held for Grand Jury	

# Arson Squad (5)

Following is a list of juveniles who were apprehended during the year 1968. This list includes date of infraction, violation, disposition of same, and number of juveniles involved in each violation.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
1/10	False Alarm	Reprimand at school	1
1/11	False Alarm	Reprimand at school	1
1/11	False Alarm	Reprimand at school	1
1/22	False Alarm	Referred to Y.A.B.	1
1/25	False Alarm	Referred to Y.A.B.	2
1/25	False Alarm	Reprimand at school	2
1/30	False Alarm	Reprimand at Arson Squad	2
2/8	Setting Fire	Referred to Y.A.B.	3
2/12	False Alarm	Reprimand at Arson Squad	2
2/15	False Alarm	Referred to Y.A.B.	2
2/20	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	2
2/28	Setting Fire	Referred to Y.A.B.	2
2/28	Setting Fire	Referred to Y.A.B.	1
3/1	Setting Fire	Referred to Y.A.B.	1
3/12	False Alarm	Referred to Y.A.B.	1
3/15	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	2
3/25	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	2
3/29	False Alarm	Reprimand at home	2
4/11	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	2
4/18	Setting Fire	Referred to Y.A.B.	1
4/30	Setting Fire	Referred to Y.A.B.	2
5/1	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	2
5/2	Setting Fire	Referred to Y.A.B.	2
5/9	Setting Fire	Referred to Y.A.B.	1
5/17	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	2
5/21	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	2
5/26	Setting Fire	Reprimand at Home	2
5/27	Setting Fire	Reprimand at Home	1
5/6	False Alarm	Referred to Y.A.B.	2
6/5	Setting Fire	Reprimand at Home	1
6/5	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	2
6/5	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	3
6/8	False Alarm	Referred to Y.A.B.	2
6/9	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	1
6/11	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	2
6/11	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	2
6/11	False Alarm	Referred to Y.A.B.	1
6/11	Setting Fire	Reprimand at Home	1
6/12	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	1
6/13	Setting Fire	Reprimand at School	2
6/15	Setting Fire	Reprimand at Home	2
6/23	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	2
6/25	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	1
6/25	False Alarm	Referred to Y.A.B.	2
6/26	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	1
6/26	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	2
6/30	Using Fireworks	Reprimand at Home	10
7/2/	Setting Fire	Referred to Y.A.B.	1
7/10	False Alarm	Reprimand Arson Squad	3
7/14	False Alarm	Referred Y.A.B.	2
7/15	False Alarm	Reprimand Arson Squad	1

Arson Squad (6)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
7/26	False Alarm	Referred to Y.A.B.	2
7/30	False Alarm	Referred to Y.A.B.	1
7/30	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	1
7/30	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	1
8/30	False Alarm	Reprimand at Arson Squad	2
8/31	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	1
9/7	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	1
9/18	Setting Fire	Referred to Y.A.B.	2
9/18	Setting Fire	Reprimand at Home	1
9/22	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	2
10/3	Setting Fire	Referred to Y.A.B.	2
10/4	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	1
10/8	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	2
10/9	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	2
10/11	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	2
10/11	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	2
10/23	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	1
10/23	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	1
10/29	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	1
11/3	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	1
11/7	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	1
11/18	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	2
11/20	Setting Fire	Referred to Y.A.B.	1
11/26	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	1
11/26	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	1
11/27	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	1
12/2	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	1
12/4	False Alarm	Reprimand at School	2
12/4	False Alarm	Reprimand at Arson Squad	1
12/6	Setting Fire	Reprimand at Home	1
12/8	False Alarm	Reprimand at Home	1

FIRE LOSS RECORD BUREAU

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Fire Losses Paid January to date:

	<u>Building</u>	<u>Contents</u>
January	\$ 691,973.14	\$ 64,235.63
February	535,360.84	130,844.34
March	224,353.06	166,419.13
April	1,187,226.61	336,424.16
April: Incidents	447,945.90	125,973.33
May	255,526.35	108,476.80
June	162,733.15	49,213.09
July	130,155.63	33,536.73
August	117,711.00	54,301.00
September	143,432.00	65,667.00
October	169,145.00	38,193.18
November	157,513.00	85,732.00
December	134,987.00	101,387.00
Reserve	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
	\$4,408,062.68	\$1,375,403.39

Combined Building and Content Loss: \$5,783,466.07  
Vehicle Loss: 146,900.00  
Total Loss: \$5,930,366.07

Per Capita Loss \$14.64  
(Based on 1960  
Census Population  
405,220)

## Fire Loss Record Bureau (2)

### Procedures of the Fire Loss Record Bureau:

1. Obtain daily record of fires from Fire Alarm Operator's daily alarm sheet.
2. Check with companies first due.
  - a. Location by street.
  - b. Location in building .
  - c. Extent of involvement.
  - d. Owner and tenancy.
3. Writing and filing of permanent record.
4. Inspection of premises by a member of this detail.
  - a. Recheck of points "a" to "d" above.
  - b. Insurance data as to coverage and notification of owners.
  - c. Names of insurance companies and agents involved.
  - d. Whether or not adjuster has been engaged, and name of same.
5. Interview by personal call from this office to verify above "c" and "d".
6. Permanent record of losses and monthly total of losses.
7. Annual written report to Fire Chief.

This detail is often called on for information which may not be available in other forms, and occasionally has access to information which may benefit certain investigations made by other city divisions or departments.

This detail has a wide acquaintance with insurance carriers and agents; in certain instances it may deal directly with home office of the insurance carriers.

In April 1964, we put into operation a new program with the insurance carriers. This program is an attempt by both the Fire Department and the Insurance companies to reduce fire losses. As of this date the program is continuing and becoming more well known by carriers who underwrite in Newark. It has been met with whole-hearted approval by the executives of the leading companies.

Note: This detail has no legal authority to obtain or force information as to financial settlements from any interested party. The results obtained are strictly by reason of cooperation between this office and insurance companies who suffered losses. In some instances, therefore, it is necessary to estimate certain losses. In the case of incipient fires, certain standards are applied as "Estimated Losses". Where loss is heavy, it is easier to obtain a more accurate record of actual payment to the assured.

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## FIRE ALARM AND RADIO DIVISION

Annual Report submitted by  
Supt. Arthur J. Moore  
for the year 1968

In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Fire Department, I herewith respectfully submit the Annual Report of this Division for the year 1968.

### General Service Line Force

1. Subterranean cable installed, programmed replacements, circuit extensions. (Feet of conductor). -----	126,920
2. Old cable removed (Feet of conductor). -----	1,850
3. Complete transfers of equipment from old to new poles. -----	33
4. Line wire installed, circuit extensions, replacements, (feet of conductor). -----	21,500
5. Pedestals or stanchions set. -----	4
6. Fire Alarm boxes installed. -----	1
7. Fire Alarm boxes replaced with newer models. -----	0
8. Messenger wire installed (feet). -----	3,000
9. Fire Alarm boxes removed. -----	5
10. Pole construction overhauled. -----	15
11. Subterranean ducts rodded and cleaned (feet). -----	300
12. Construction released on poles. -----	12
13. New cable test or junction boxes installed. -----	5
14. Duct wire installed (feet). -----	400
15. Cable test or junction points rehabilitated. -----	2
16. Pole line faults found and referred to utility owner for correction. -----	27
17. Preventive maintenance patrol of aerial circuits (miles). -----	207
18. Trees trimmed. -----	110
19. Fire house batteries serviced (sets). -----	147
20. Cleared weeds and brush around fire box poles and stanchions to increase visibility. -----	30
21. Tree guards installed. -----	1
22. Reset or replaced stanchions or fire boxes damaged by motor vehicles. -----	7
23. Cross arms installed (circuit extensions, etc.) -----	32
24. Division's motor vehicles washed and serviced. -----	104
25. Janitorial duties (man hours). -----	468
26. Other major job operations completed: Spliced cables, eliminated conductor slack, drilled poles, relocated fire alarm boxes, installed mechanical devices to thwart false alarmists, corrected faults, etc. -----	162
27. Other minor job operations completed: replaced pole insulators, pins, retaped splices, inspected equipment, etc. -----	373
28. Moving material and equipment (man hours). -----	1,560

### Box Inspector

1. Fire Alarm boxes inspected, cleaned and tested. -----	691
2. Test box locks replaced with tamper-proof device. -----	14
3. Supervised fire alarm box and stanchion painting. -----	0
4. Fire Boxes daubed with chemicals. -----	502
5. Other minor jobs of preventive maintenance completed: tightened connections, wound box mechanisms, etc. -----	172
6. Other major jobs of preventive maintenance completed: Substituted signal box movements; changed fire box locks; made ready replacement units; etc. -----	59

## Fire Alarm and Radio Division (2)

### Repair Shop Maintenance Force

1. Audio Hailers inspected and tested.-----	12
2. Auxiliary Central Office power plant test operated (hours).----- #1	57
----- #2	10
3. Office panels cleaned, equipment refurbished.-----	2
4. Recorders and time stamps inspected and tested.-----	101
5. Other major job operations completed: rewired fire alarm boxes and firehouses, repaired electrical apparatus, etc.-----	132
6. Other minor job operations completed: Cleaned office instruments, sharpened tools, conducted tests, maintained shop stock records, etc.-----	1,001

### Engineering, planning, miscellaneous

1. Maintained field communication center at fires (hours)-----	21
2. Inspection of field facilities made (locations).-----	135
3. Inspection of systems in private property made.-----	31
4. Private contractors assisted in planning fire alarm systems.-----	12
5. Circuits patrolled (miles). -----	207
6. Schools and institutions surveyed for fire alarm box installations.	6
7. City sites inspected for proposed installation of street boxes.---	0
8. Engineering, planning (man hours). -----	140

### Central Office Force

1. Alarms transmitted. -----	17,367
2. False alarms received (Records of these false alarms are kept by the Arson Squad.)-----	2,991
3. Box tests supervised.-----	691
4. Misdirected telephone reports for fire in surrounding municipalities received and conveyed to proper department.-----	8
5. Tests from private fire alarm companies supervised.-----	1,825
6. Tests conducted of Airport fire alarm facilities. -----	730
7. Telephone calls handled over P.B.X. switchboard (approx.)-----	500,000
8. Radio calls handled.-----	180,450
9. Number of circuits completely tested.-----	66,180
10. Miscellaneous reports prepared and distributed.-----	8,000
11. Individuals and agencies dispatched to multiple alarm incidents by telephone.-----	2,280
12. Other minor job operations completed: Performed janitorial duties, performed bookkeeping functions, etc.-----	2,555



# CENTRAL OFFICE

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3. GONG ALARMS TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT													Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
DEPARTMENT																										
(a)	Full assignment alarms (Response of all units Normally scheduled.)												570	561	607	837	714	743	747	628	659	688	683	644	8081	
(b)	Signal Eight Alarms. (Response limited to an Eng.Co., Truck Unit and Battalion Chief.)												145	125	87	88	81	120	302	270	240	243	244	283	2228	
(c)	Signal Nine Alarms. (Two Engine Cos, a Truck Unit and Battalion Chief respond.)												13	15	10	8	4	0	7	3	3	0	19	4	86	
(d)	Total of the foregoing.												728	701	704	933	799	863	1056	901	902	931	946	931	10395	
2. ONE UNIT ALARMS TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT.																										
(a)	Signal Five Alarms (for Minor Outside incidents, parades, etc.												573	700	563	1277	670	536	505	331	453	494	395	475	6972	
3. TOTAL ALARMS IN ALL CATEGORIES																										
(a)	Alarms in Para. 1 & 2 combined												1301	1401	1267	2210	1469	1399	1561	1232	1355	1425	1341	1406	17367	
4. METHOD BY WHICH CENTRAL OFFICE RECEIVED ALARMS.																										
(a)	From Municipal Fire Alarm Box.												296	301	385	537	523	542	550	467	507	506	488	429	5531	
(b)	From public by telephone.												356	349	276	358	237	301	460	398	369	390	426	438	4358	
(c)	From American District Telegraph private automatic systems												43	26	22	14	20	10	21	17	15	17	16	29	250	
(d)	From Central Office Alarm Co. Private automatic systems.												6	2	4	1	2	0	4	7	1	1	3	5	36	
(e)	From Newark District Telegraph private automatic systems.												14	8	4	1	1	2	1	2	1	5	2	7	48	
(f)	From Electro Protective Co's private automatic systems.												9	3	3	0	5	0	2	1	0	2	2	5	32	
(g)	Telephone alarms initially communicated to Police by public and relayed to Fire Department												0	1	2	4	2	3	4	2	3	3	4	3	31	

# CENTRAL OFFICE (2)

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
(h) Telephone alarms initially routed to other Fire Dep'ts, relayed to this Central Office by them.	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	8
(i) Fires reported by personal visit to fire house.	0	3	2	3	3	4	5	3	2	3	2	4	34
(j) Alarms ordered by radio from Department units in the field.	4	6	5	12	6	1	9	4	4	2	3	11	68
(k) Total (Paragraph 1)	728	701	704	933	799	863	1056	961	902	931	946	931	10395
<b>5. MULTIPLE ALARMS.</b>													
(a) Second Alarms. (Incidents handled by two full ass'gn't responses.	5	5	5	19	1	0	7	1	2	2	2	3	52
(b) Third Alarms. (Incidents where three full assgmts were required)	3	1	0	3	3	0	2	1	0	1	1	4	19
(c) Fourth Alarms. Incidents where four full assgmts responses required.)	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5
(d) Fifth Alarms	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
(e) Sixth Alarms	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Multiple Alarms	8	6	5	27	4	0	10	2	2	4	3	8	79
<b>6. ALARMS FROM FIRE BOXES.</b>													
(a) Total number of fire alarm boxes pulled for incidents.	374	416	479	922	714	910	712	543	606	642	593	506	7417
(b) Number of signals from fire boxes suppressed because alarm had been already transmitted.	78	115	94	285	191	368	162	76	99	136	105	77	1786
<b>7. REPORTS FOR SAME FIRE RECEIVED THROUGH TWO UNRELATED MEDIUMS.</b>													
(a) Confirming alarm received from fire box after notice by telephone	12	15	14	20	8	15	17	14	15	16	17	15	178
(b) Confirming telephone notice received after alarm from box.	8	7	8	15	7	9	13	12	10	14	12	15	130
(c) Total number of incidents where alarm was received by one medium only.	708	679	682	898	784	839	1026	875	877	901	927	901	10097
(d) Total number of incidents where alarm was received through more than one medium.	20	22	22	35	15	24	30	26	25	30	19	30	298

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
UNITS RELOCATED TO PROVIDE EQUAL COVERAGE OF THE CITY DURING EMERGENCIES.	104	110	75	156	56	32	77	37	53	70	82	99	951
9. TELEGRAPH SIGNALS TRANSMITTED	6503	6957	6445	7948	6152	7526	8388	6835	7214	7553	7472	7839	86832
10. UNITS ENROUTE TO ALARMS STOPPED BY RADIO AND PUT IN SERVICE.	2548	2453	2464	3265	2796	3000	4396	3153	3157	3258	3311	3258	37059

## SPECIAL SERVICE AND SUPPLY COMPANY

Annual Report submitted by  
Deputy Chief Henry L. Schoettly  
for the year 1968

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The Special Services Division operated as usual on a 24-hour-a-day basis, some personnel working in shifts and some working during the daytime only. During periods of emergency such as severe snowstorms and civil disturbance, extra men were held on duty, including the "day men". Many and varied activities consistent with the efficient operation of the department were engaged in and carried out by the various subdivisions of Special Services as follows:

DELIVERY AND PICK-UP SERVICE. Deliveries and pick-ups were made both day and night. However, a new system was instituted for the purpose of conserving manpower, gasoline, and wear and tear on delivery trucks. In the new system, trucks are sent out at 10:00 A.M. and again at 2:00 P.M. to cover the department, rather than sending out a truck each time one or two deliveries have to be made. Most pick-ups and deliveries are not of an emergency nature. In the event that they are, a truck is dispatched immediately, at any hour of the day or night. Items handled are such things as housekeeping supplies, tools, equipment, extinguishers, oxygen cylinders, tables, chairs, lockers, rock salt, hose, ladders, and many others requiring transportation.

Fire apparatus needing repair were picked up and taken to the Bureau of Motors garage and extra apparatus taken from their places of storage and delivered as replacements.

MESSENGER SERVICE. The department messenger covered his prescribed route daily, except weekends and holidays, going to all chiefs' quarters and Fire Headquarters. He also performed messenger service on several other occasions on department business.

FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICE. Special Service personnel responded to multiple alarms of fire on several occasions with gasoline and motor oil for the apparatus at work at the fire. They also responded, when specially called, with such equipment as the smoke ejector, the Hi-Ex Foam unit, the floodlight truck, foam, wetting agents, hose, etc. At times they picked up hose, ladders, and other equipment left at fires by the companies which were obliged to leave the fire scenes hurriedly for one reason or another.

The Hi-Ex Foam unit and floodlight truck were operated at fires by Special Service personnel.

GAS MASK SHOP. Masks were ordered, received and assigned to companies and chiefs as needed. Mask parts were ordered and kept on hand for the repair of masks when necessary. Repairs were also made on E & J resuscitators, their cases, and the cases of masks.

In December of 1968, all timers on filter masks were replaced by check valves. This will effect a considerable monetary saving since the timers cost \$15.00 each while check valves cost \$9.60.

Also, window type canisters can be, and are, now used with the masks with check valves, and give the wearer a more accurate indication of the condition of the canister when working in a smokey or gas-laden atmosphere.

## Special Service and Supply Company (2)

In June 1968, a gradual change-over was begun whereby waist and neck straps are issued to companies to replace canister holders as the holders wear out. All canisters now being purchased have D rings to accomodate the straps. This will also effect a considerable monetary and man-hour saving in that the canister holders cost \$6.50 each while the straps cost \$2.50 per pair, and the holders required frequent repair whereas the straps might need only the replacement of harness snaps from time to time. The canisters with D rings cost no more than the ones without D rings.

CANVAS SHOP. Besides repairing canister holders, many canvas items were made or repaired including mask box covers, chain saw sheaths, hose box covers, covers for the control pedestal on ladder trucks, turret nozzle covers for the fire boat, etc. Salvage covers were also repaired and patched.

STOCK ROOM: All tools, equipment, devices and supplies (except those ordered directly through Fire Headquarters or by the Hose Shop) were ordered, received and checked, recorded, stored, and distributed as needed to the fire units and chiefs through the delivery service.

Several items, to be ordered, had to be researched as to quality, proper type, service facilities and price by contacting, personally, or by phone, the manufacturers, agents or suppliers concerned. In some instances it was necessary to make drawings to more clearly specify the requirements in the items in question.

Arrangements were made for the outside repair of equipment which Special Service is not able to handle such as portable pumps, portable generators, sharpening of chain saws, retoothing of carbide-tipped circular cutters for K-12 Partner cutters, explosimeters, etc.

The supply room personnel repaired porto-lites, flash lights, desk lights, extension cords and many other items. They also made special belts and straps, tested salvage covers, made arrangements with the carpenter shop for replacing broken handles on axes, plaster hooks, hammers, etc., and for the construction of hose boxes, skid-load panels, special cases for equipment, and other needs of the department.

APPARATUS MAINTENANCE. All fire apparatus were tested in accordance with accepted procedures. Arrangements were made for repairs to, or replacement of damaged or defective apparatus and other department vehicles. A preventive maintenance program was conducted, with the cooperation of the Bureau of Motors, throughout the year in that each fire apparatus was called in for oil change, greasing, and general inspection approximately every two months. From defects that were found, it can be logically concluded that several break-downs, some accidents and personal injuries, and some major and expensive repairs were prevented.

Specifications for new fire apparatus and other department vehicles were drawn up, in conjunction with the Chief of the Department and the Bureau of Motors. This activity and the acceptance of the vehicles often required meetings with the manufacturer's agent or representative concerning acceptance tests, malfunctions and deviations from specifications.

### Special Service and Supply (3)

The Supervisor of Apparatus, heading this sub-division, also conducted an extensive "Driver Education" program, approved several new drivers and tillermen, and conducted 351 lectures and demonstrations concerning the proper operation of internal combustion engines, fire pumps, aerial ladders, etc.

HOSE SHOP. The Hose Shop kept all companies properly supplied with the various sizes and types of fire hose. All hose in service in the department was tested, and over-age hose and defective hose were taken out of service. Damaged hose was repaired (when possible), as were nozzles, valves, adapters, hose fittings, brackets, and miscellaneous other equipment.

New hose, nozzles and other equipment were ordered as necessary in quantity sufficient to insure a reasonable reserve on hand at all times. Some difficulty in the latter was experienced during and as a result of the civil disturbance in April, but the supply of equipment was brought back to normalcy in August.

GENERAL. A new, closed, 1-ton truck was placed in service to replace an open half-ton truck which was twenty years old, and another one-ton truck has been requested and is expected to be placed in service in 1969. A new chief's car has also been requested to replace a Dodge which has been in service since 1962.

Twelve portable electric generators have been received and will be placed on all hook and ladder trucks as soon as possible. Each truck will also be issued three floodlights for use with the generators, for providing light at night fires. It is expected that the present floodlight truck, which is now some thirty years old, will be taken out of service as soon as the generators and lights are issued to the ladder companies.

During the year, several cellars, yards, depressions, manholes etc., were pumped out. The gasoline engine on one of the portable pumps wore out and was replaced by a new engine.

Floodlighting was supplied for the Independence Day celebration at City Stadium and other events in the City.

Arrangements were made with the Purchasing Department for the sale of over-age and defective hose whenever a sizable amount was accumulated in the Hose Shop.

Meetings were held for the officers, and for officers and men, from time to time for the discussion of problems and of procedures to increase the operating efficiency of the unit.

There was an unusually large turn-over of personnel during the year, and there were four retirements and two deaths of officers. This, plus a considerable amount of illness, caused a critical shortage of manpower in this unit.

A new card system was worked out, in conjunction with the Water Department, for more accurate reporting and recording of defective hydrants and their repair.

Each sub-division of Special Service maintained records and file systems and submitted the various required reports consistent with its duties and activities; engaged in the clerical work, correspondence and telephone communications essential to operations; and performed the housekeeping duties necessary to keep its quarters clean and in a presentable condition. Annual inventory and statistical form reports accompany this report and will serve as appendices in clarifying information contained herein as to number of hours, number of times, number of items, etc.

ANNUAL REPORT  
Submitted by  
Supervisor of Apparatus  
Daniel J. Tauriello

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The following duties were performed during the year 1968.

Lectures and demonstrations given	351
Preventive maintenance work done on apparatus	256
Apparatus changed over for major repair work	225
Drivers certified	30
Pumpers service tested	All
Aerial ladders checked and inspected	All
Multiple alarms and other incidents responded to	35

Fire companies in service:

Enging Companies	25
Hose Wagons	10
Fireboat	1
Aerial trucks	11
Snorkel	1
Salvage Companies	2
Rescue Squad	1
Spare engines	6
Spare trucks	2
Chief of Department	1
Deputy Divisions	2
Battalion Districts	5

HOSE DIVISION  
Annual Report for 1968  
submitted by  
Peter J. Carolan  
Supervisor of Apparatus

The following report indicates the amount of fire hose in actual service, new hose in reserve, used hose on hand as of December 31, 1968.

Hose Inventory

2½" In Service with companies	1210 - 50 ft. lengths	60,500 ft.
2½" In Reserve (New Cotton Poly)	5 - 50 ft. lengths	250 ft.
2½" In Reserve (Used Hose)	83 - 50 ft. lengths	4,150 ft.
2½" In Reserve (Old Hose)	150 - 50 ft. lengths	7,500 ft.
	<u>1,448 - 50 ft. lengths</u>	<u>72,400 ft.</u>
1½" In Service with companies	716 - 50 ft. lengths	35,800 ft.
1½" In Reserve (New)	18 - 50 ft. lengths	900 ft.
1½" In Reserve (Old)	26 - 50 ft. lengths	1,300 ft.
	<u>760 - 50 ft. lengths</u>	<u>38,000 ft.</u>
3" In Service with Companies	107 - 50 ft. lengths	5,350 ft.
3" In Service with Companies	Various Lengths	2,100 ft.
3" In Reserve (New) 100% Poly	5 - 50 ft. lengths 2½" Coupling	250 ft.
3" In Reserve (New)	26 - 50 ft. lengths	1,300 ft.
3" In Reserve (New) 100% Poly	2 - 75 ft. lengths	150 ft.
	<u>Various</u>	<u>9,150 ft.</u>
4½" In Service with Companies	45 - 15 ft. lengths	675 ft.
4½" In Reserve (New)	4 - 30 ft. lengths	120 ft.
4½" In Reserve (Old)	4 - 15 ft. lengths	60 ft.
	<u>Various</u>	<u>855 ft.</u>
3/4" In Service with Companies	246 - 50 ft. lengths	12,300 ft.
3/4" In Reserve (New)	16 - 50 ft. lengths	800 ft.
3/4" In Reserve (Old)	4 - 50 ft. lengths	200 ft.
	<u>266 - 50 ft. lengths</u>	<u>13,300 ft.</u>
6" In Service with Companies (Hard Suction)	42 - 10 ft. lengths	420 ft.
6" In Reserve (New)	1 - 10 ft. length	10 ft.
6" In Reserve (Old)	4 - 10 ft. lengths	40 ft.
	<u>47 - 10 ft. lengths</u>	<u>470 ft.</u>
5" In Service with Companies (Hard Suction)	22 - 10 ft. lengths	220 ft.
5" In Reserve (New)	4 - 10 ft. lengths	40 ft.
5" In Reserve (Old)	1 - 10 ft. length	10 ft.
	<u>27 - 10 ft. lengths</u>	<u>270 ft.</u>
4½" In Service with Companies (Hard Suction)	26 - 10 ft. lengths	260 ft.
4½" In Reserve (New)	4 - 10 ft. lengths	40 ft.
	<u>30 - 10 ft. lengths</u>	<u>300 ft.</u>
2½" In Service with Companies (Hard Suction)	2 - 10 ft. lengths	20 ft.



## Hose Division (2)

### New Hose Received

4½" Newitt CRL	6 - 30 ft. lengths	180 ft.
3" Blaze Guard CRL	32 - 50 ft. lengths	1600 ft.
3" Eureka 100% Polyester (2½" Couplings)	50 - 50 ft. lengths	2500 ft.
3" Eureka (2½" Couplings)	3 - 75 ft. lengths	225 ft.
2½" Eureka 100 % Polyester	60 - 50 ft. lengths	3000 ft.
1½" Eureka CRL	50 - 50 ft. lengths	2500 ft.
1½" Boston (Cotton Poly)	<u>20 - 50 ft. lengths</u>	<u>1000 ft.</u>
		11,005 ft.

### New Hose Issued

3" Blaze Guard 100% Polyester	32 - 50 ft. lengths	1600 ft.
3" Eureka 100% Polyester	50 - 50 ft. lengths	2500 ft.
2½" Blaze Guard (Cotton Poly)	5 - 50 ft. lengths	250 ft.
2½" Blaze Guard 100% Polyester	52 - 50 ft. lengths	2600 ft.
2½" Eureka 100% Polyester	60 - 50 ft. lengths	3000 ft.
1½" Blaze Guard CRL	101 - 50 ft. lengths	5050 ft.
1½" Eureka CRL	50 - 50 ft. lengths	2500 ft.
1½" Boston (Cotton Poly)	2 - 50 ft. lengths	100 ft.
¾" Eureka (Booster Hose)	7 - 50 ft. lengths	<u>350 ft.</u>
		17,950 ft.

### Hose Repaired

3" Various lengths	446 ft.
2½" Hose - 150 - 50 ft. lengths	7,500 ft.
1½" Hose - 134 - 50 ft. lengths	6,700 ft.
¾" Booster Hose - 27 - 50 ft.	1,350 ft.
4½" Soft Suction - 44 - 15 ft.	<u>660 ft.</u>
	16,656 ft.

### Hose Tested

3" Hose - 94 ft. Various Lengths	4,387 ft.
2½" Hose 1,347 - 50 ft. lengths	67,350 ft.
1½" Hose - 836 - 50 ft. lengths	41,800 ft.
¾" Booster - 201 - 50 ft. lengths	<u>2,050 ft.</u>
	115,587 ft.

Number of valves, nozzles , adapters, equipment and miscellaneous articles repaired or installed - total 381.

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Special Service Performance Report  
Submitted by Herbert D. Planck, Battalion Chief  
Annual Report for the year 1968

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Number of Alarms Answered	43
Number of pickups and deliveries made	10,338
Smoke Ejector on Special Calls	0
Hi-Ex Expansion Foam Unit on Special Calls	1
Gasoline distributed at fires	1,420 Gal.
Oil distributed at fires	2 qts.
Floodlight on special calls and multiple alarms	36
Floodlight cable used (feet)	2,350 ft.
Number of lights used	184
Cellars pumped out	27
Hours spent pumping out cellars	75 hrs. - 15 min.
Number of demonstrations conducted or attended	0
Portolites Repaired	684
Portolite batteries distributed to companies	798
Liquid foam distributed to companies	438 gal.
Foam powder extinguishers filled	48
Oxygen cylinders refilled	388
Scott & M.S.A. air cylinders refilled	69
Masks repaired	453
Canvas-covers for bags, boxes, deck etc. and repairs	89
Salvage covers repaired	4
Duty time flood light	74 hrs.-50 min.
Canisters delivered	1,960
Ladders repaired	46
Ladders repaired (feet)	986

## TRAINING DIVISION

Annual Report submitted by  
Deputy Chief Joseph J. Drew  
for the year 1968

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The following report lists the numerous and diversified activities conducted by the personnel of the Training Academy.

### ACADEMY TRAINING:

Police Recruit Training:	45 attended	8 man-hours.
Psychophysical Drivers Test:	206 attended	309 man-hours.
Emergency Master Streams:	420 attended	624 man-hours.

### FIELD TRAINING:

Drills in Quarters - 13,273  
Drills out of Quarters - 1,136  
Hours of Instruction - 14,409  
Number of Subjects - 480  
Man-hours - 68,589

### SPECIAL TRAINING:

Aerial operation, preventive care for freezing water, care of tires, maintenance of apparatus, standpipe hook-up and pressures needed for same, siamese for heavy stream appliances, care and operation of pumps, high extinguisher foam unit, air brake system, operation of clutch and driver training, pump operating and maintenance of cooling system, first aid, masks, radiological training, crossing guards, police recruit class, and radio transmitting.

Attendance: 1,515  
Man-hours: 2,144

### DEMONSTRATIONS:

Fire Prevention Demonstrations (table top) - 21, attendance 2,515, man-hours - 210.

### FILMS:

Shown at Academy - 5; attendance - 240; loaned out - 90; attendance - 4,360. Titles of Films - Educational; man-hours-218.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES:

First Aid (Instruction on Resuci-ane, and film "Birth of a Baby"; Civilian Defense Truck Driver Training; Newark Police and Junior Police, also Housing Police Aides training in cooperation with the Fire Department; Fire Training - use of extinguishers for schools, hospitals and institutions, business and commercial establishments and industry, preparation for entrance examinations for Fire Department (Candidate School), public relations, speakers, fire prevention, fire safety, job opportunities, Special Training Activities, New Jersey Police Academy. Attendance 44,504, Man/Hours 583.

## MEDICAL DIVISION

Annual Report submitted by  
Edwin L. Ciccone, M.D.  
Fire Department Surgeon  
for the year 1968

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As Chief Fire Surgeon, I performed my duties according to the rules and regulations of the Fire Department, and at all times fulfilled the requirements of my position.

Throughout the year, I gave prompt attention to all reported illnesses and injuries of my fellow co-workers within my jurisdiction.

I granted sick leaves to members as warranted. Regular additional visits and examinations were made to the sick and injured members until they were, in my opinion, physically able to return to their respective duties.

I also rendered treatment to all members who became ill, whether in line of duty or not.

I attended all multiple alarm fires and other fires where medical services were needed.

Inspections of firehouses were made periodically to check sanitary conditions.

Monthly reports were submitted to the Director and the Fire Chief, listing the names of the members of the Department who were on sick leave.

In addition, special reports were submitted when required, as follows:

Number of house visits	886
Fires attended	293
Men injured in L.O.D.	474
Conferences	58
Men examined, re-examined and appointed	10
Hospital visits	650
Number of Revisits	350
Telephone calls and reports	1976
Visits to firehouses	40

I wish to extend my most sincere thanks to all the Officers and Members of the Newark Fire Department for the courtesy and cooperation rendered to me and to Dr. Carl E. Maffeo, Assistant Department Surgeon, during the past year.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC DIVISION

Annual Report  
Submitted by  
Fireman Joseph Marino

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The Annual Report of the activities of the Photographic Division for the year 1968 is herewith respectfully submitted:

Signal 100 - Arson or suspected	25
Signal 200 - Death at fire	8
2nd Task Force	2
3rd Task Force	6
4th Task Force	10
Public Relations, (Includes appointments, promotions, demonstrations, etc.)	83
Violations, Bur. of Combustibles	6
Reprints, Special Assignments	33
Negatives Made	1972
Prints Made	3673
Assignments	173

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## PLANNING DIVISION

Annual Report submitted by  
Deputy Chief Arthur J. Schmidt  
and  
Captain Joseph T. O'Brien  
for the year 1968

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As in the past, the Planning Division developed and analyzed data relating to the overall activities and operation of the Fire Department. Extensive and comprehensive records and files are maintained regarding all phases of Fire Department activities. Specifically, information regarding injuries to personnel on duty, and hostile acts by the citizenry against firemen while on duty are being maintained in a running and comprehensive report. This is a new activity of this unit.

During the past year, this Division, along with others, analyzed and evaluated new equipment utilized by the Fire Department. Recommendations regarding the purchase of portable radio equipment, and a protective canopy for Tillerman were made.

A new operation plan for Civil Disturbances was developed, and action pamphlets distributed describing proper actions during these periods. Numerous local and federal agencies were consulted, so that coordinated action during these times can be maintained. During the disturbances of April 1968, members of this Division manned positions at Command Post and Task Force Assembly area.

Meetings with the Newark Disaster Committee were conducted, with a view toward coordinating various agencies during periods when the citizenry must be provided with emergency housing due to fires or other type emergency. A plan utilizing Schools in various parts of the City was evolved and adopted.

Periodic meetings with Civil Defense were attended in an attempt to coordinate activities with that Agency.

This unit cooperated with the Port Authority of New York during the construction of a new fire house in the Port Newark area for Engine Company 32.

Many meetings were held with the City Planning Board and the Newark Housing Authority, regarding the construction of new Fire Houses needed for Engine Companies No. 2, 5, 10, 12, 20, and Truck 5. Consultations with various local architects were held, almost on a weekly basis, so that our needs in the proposed new construction could be met. Plans for a new Fire Department Training Facility were studied, and various local training sites were visited so that the Fire Department's needs in this type facility could be established.

New projects were prepared and submitted to the Central Planning Board for inclusion in the 1969-1974 Capital Budget Program, including the construction of new facilities and the purchase of apparatus and equipment.

Miscellaneous reports and information of Fire Department operations, and statistics relating to these activities were prepared and distributed to other Fire Departments and interested organizations as were requested during the past year.

Such other duties and activities as called for by the Fire Chief and the Director were performed.

Annual Report of the Activities of the  
Public Relations Officer  
Francis X. McCarthy  
for the year 1968

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I respectfully report that during the year 1968, as Public Relations Officer of the Newark Fire Department, I answered fire alarms when summoned; prepared press releases; set up television broadcasts at the scene of fires; also, arranged for radio broadcasts.

As Public Relations Officer, I participated in many public functions; visited various civic and fraternal organizations on behalf of the Newark Fire Department, set up programs for the presentation of honor awards.

As Public Relations Officer, I have tried to bring about a closer relationship and a better understanding between the citizens of the City of Newark and the members of the Fire Department.

I wish to express my thanks to the Director and to the Officers and Members of the Fire Department for the cooperation extended to me during the year.

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Annual Report  
of the activities of the  
Catholic Chaplain  
The Right Rev. Msgr. Philip T. McCabe  
for the year 1968

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I attended all multiple alarms of fire in the City of Newark, and administered the Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church when needed.

I visited hospitals where firemen were known to be patients.

I conducted the blessings at funerals or attended Mass of our deceased members, whether active or retired; also, officiated at funerals of relatives of firemen when requested to do so.

Conducted the Annual Communion Breakfast and Memorial Mass for the men of the Department held in St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Participated in the Holy Name Federation Holy Hour held in the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

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Annual Report  
of the Activities of the  
Protestant Chaplain  
Rev. Clarence Bleakney  
for the year 1968

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I attended over thirty-five fires, single and multiple.

I called on every fireman possible who was hospitalized.

It is still my habit to visit fire houses quite regularly.

Each year we hold our Annual Memorial Service on the  
third Sunday in October, conducted by the Chaplain.

I attend practically every funeral in our Department, besides  
conducting many for members of the families of the Newark Fire  
Department.

I remain deeply grateful for all courtesies extended to me  
on the part of Firemen and all associated with them.

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Annual Report  
of the Activities of the  
Jewish Chaplain  
Rabbi Horace L. Zemel  
for the year 1968

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I wish to report that throughout the year 1968, as Chaplain of the Fire Department, to the best of my ability, I have answered fire calls when summoned, participated in public functions, attended the sick and the dying, and in general, lent myself in full capacity as clergyman over all those to whom I minister in whatever contingency my services were called.

The making of this report gives me the opportunity of letting you know that I am cognizant of the many courtesies extended to me in the performance of the duties of my office, and for which I am extremely grateful.

May I wish you and the entire Fire Department a year marked by Peace in the World, Order in our Government, Health in the Home, and Success in every worthwhile effort.

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## AUXILIARY FIRE RESERVE

### Annual Report for the year 1968

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Herewith is a report of activities of the Auxiliary Fire Division for the year 1968.

The Fire Department Civil Defense representative attended all monthly meetings of the Civil Defense Technical Operations Committee, as well as representing Fire Director Caufield at regular meetings of the Defense Council.

In addition to volunteer services at various Fire Stations in the city, the Auxiliaries participated in Mothers March of Dimes, The Crispus Attucks Parade, and in field drills.

The Fire Services representative participated in five Civil Defense control center simulated disaster exercises as directed by the Civil Defense Director, and well as one Control Center exercise directed by the New Jersey State Civil Defense Association.

Exchanged damaged rubber goods for active Auxiliary Firemen, checked on Company Auxiliary Log Books, supplied Auxiliary Companies with monthly report forms, kept records of individual voluntary services, prepared and sent letters of information and/or direction to membership, arranged for two general meetings of the Auxiliaries, performed all services required in record keeping, filing, monthly reports to Civil Defense Director, etc.

In addition, began preparation of an up-dated Standard Operating Procedure during Civil-Defense-directed disaster operations, interviewed, fingerprinted and processed new recruits.

Picked up loaned equipment, whenever possible, from inactive Auxiliaries for re-use.

Processed all grievances and/or complaints from the membership.

Inventoried C.D.Auxiliary supplies twice and maintained a running inventory.

In 1968, 40 new recruits were added to the service. Active members - 151; Inactive, but available - 165.

Auxiliary Firemen gave the following man-hours of service during 1968:

Number of visits to quarters	3,375
Man-hours in quarters	18,545
Number of Alarms answered	4,989
Man-hours at fires	3,066

Upon recommendation of Captains in the Fire Department, several members of the Auxiliary Fire Service received letters of commendation from the Director in recognition of assistance rendered the Fire Department.

## BELL AND SIREN CLUB

Annual Report  
for the year 1968

The Bell and Siren Club, organized in 1949, is a non-profit, voluntary group, dependent upon membership dues, its annual social function and the contributions of friends to finance its activities and acquire and maintain its equipment.

Membership is limited to 50 active members whose conduct must adhere to the official club Code of Operation. Public officials, candidates for public office or any fire department employees are not eligible for membership.

The Club serves free refreshments of coffee, tea, hot soup, milk, etc., from a mobile unit, to firemen and fire victims at the scene of fire, inside the fire lines.

The equipment it uses is quartered in Newark fire houses, courtesy of the Mayor and the Newark Fire Department.

Its service record for 1968 is as follows:

Responses to Task Force 2	--- 13	Parade So. Orange	--- 1
" " Task Force 3	--- 12	General Alarm East Orange	1
" " Task Force 4	--- 14	2nd Alarm East Orange	--- 2
" " Task Force 5		Parade East Orange	--- 1
or greater	--- 6	C.D.Drill Centre Street	-- 1
Special Calls Newark	--- 10	Fire Museum Parade	--- 1
General Alarm Belleville	--- 1	Fair Haven	--- 1
General Alarm So. Orange	--- 2	Total	--- 66

The following services were rendered at the above-mentioned emergencies and events.

Coffee	8932 cups	Doughnuts	76 doz
Boullion	1313 cups	Cookies	55 boxes
Hot Chocolate	85 cups	Sandwiches	4
Tea	52 cups	Chocolate Milk	1
Water	386 cups	First Aid	17
Milk 1/2 pts	518	Lemonade	160 cups
Orange " "	1823	Soda	4 bottles
Cigarettes	1107		

1100 members responded for average attendance  
of 16 plus per incident.

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